

## Victor Panak

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Victor, Paul, Devon, Maria and Meredith:

Circling back to the questions from Anne Myers that Victor forwarded to me a few weeks ago. My answers are in red:

1. Are there any “social consumption” retailers in town now, and do you know whether anyone has ever asked about starting one? Do you know whether that is defined as a marijuana cafe, or does it also refer to a restaurant that has additives in some of its dishes? Do you know how many of those facilities are allowed under the current regs?

There are no social consumption marijuana retailers in town now.

I do not know if anyone has asked about starting one.

A “social consumption marijuana retailer” is defined in our by-laws as “a Marijuana Retailer licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission to sell Marijuana and Marijuana Products on its premises only to consumers or allow consumers to consume Marijuana and Marijuana Products solely on its premises.”

Our current by-laws would allow 4 of these types of establishments. But I would note that social consumption marijuana retailer licenses could **not** be issued without the CCC beginning to license these facilities (which they have not yet done) and the Select Board adopting application policies and regulations for such establishments.

2. As the articles state, we are capped at 4 facilities, because it is tied to the number of liquor licenses we are allowed. Since the population increased, do you know whether that will allow us to get more liquor licenses, and will it be enough to allow us to have a 5th facility?

The cap is based on the number of issued off-premises liquor licenses. Currently, there are 13 All Alcohol and 7 Wine and Malts off-premises licenses issued, and no applications pending for any more, even though we are allowed to issue more. [Note: the type of liquor license where we have issued all we can is on-premises, like for a restaurant or bar]. We have a ways to go before a 5<sup>th</sup> facility would be allowed in any category of marijuana establishment.

3. To me, this seems like just another try to get at these businesses. I know that there were problems with NETA when it was the only game in town, but are you hearing complaints about NETA and the other places now? I walk by Sanctuary all the time, and I have never seen any problems, like the ones that people complained about with NETA.

I do not know whether the Town is receiving complaints about the storefront marijuana retailers.

