

Proposed Marijuana Establishment Community Outreach Meeting (via Zoom)

56 Gardner Road – Courier Service and Outdoor Cultivation

November 30, 2020

The following is the “Zoom Chat” transcript from the meeting. [Click here to see the video feed.](#)

We are starting with the Community Outreach Hearing this evening, concurrent with the PB Joint Meeting...all other agenda items will come after

18:34:56 From alancrane to All panelists : I think it would be good to give a local business the opportunity to sell their Hubbardston made products all over Massachusetts and bring that tax revenue back to Hubbardston.

18:35:19 From Captioner-Erin to All panelists : Hello, I am the captioner if the host can please promote me to captioner in zoom I can get them streaming. Thanks!

18:35:46 From Ryan McLane to All panelists : Hi erin, do I make you a co host?

18:37:46 From Captioner-Erin to All panelists : Nope, I don't believe that will work it has to be in the option of captioner. If it's not working I can give you the external link you can share for people to view the captions there

18:38:01 From Captioner-Erin to All panelists : <https://2020archive.1capapp.com/event/paper-crane/>

18:38:11 From Ryan McLane to All panelists : ok sounds good

18:39:47 From Ryan McLane : For all closed captioning, visit <https://2020archive.1capapp.com/event/paper-crane/>

18:54:41 From Ryan McLane : If anyone has questions from the attendees, please type them into this chat box and we will make sure to answer them live

18:54:52 From Kate Saab to All panelists : In terms of health and safety, what kind of pesticides, nutrients and other chemicals are planned for use and what will be your plan for use and disposal of these items?

18:58:04 From clem to All panelists : eventually I think I heard that you will have a retail space. Will you then have an on-site lab for extraction?

19:00:56 From Tom to All panelists : When the town approved the bylaw the delivery service was not part of the bylaw. The question does the bylaw has to be amended to allow this type of business?

19:03:23 From Jaime Lee : Hi, is this marijuana plant a done deal for Hubbardston? And, do we feel that this will change the spirit of our hometown community?

19:04:34 From damonschmidt to All panelists : Hubbardston will be getting tax revenue from delivery sales happening in other towns as the sale will happen in Hubbardston via the retail store.

19:05:02 From Kate Saab to All panelists : What are your drying processes and how do you test for and prevent mold and/or mitigate mold if formed during the plant drying and curing process?

19:07:17 From Kate Saab to All panelists : With the current plan or future plans for greenhouses will there be use of Carbon Dioxide and or Monoxide and what type of indoor air quality mitigation will you have in place to protect your employees? Will any other gases, not stated above, be used?

19:09:13 From Suzy to All panelists : Can more information be sent out to the people in town. I am concerned that Covid may be limiting the ability of some of the towns people who would be against this proposal to know about this and then be able to respond.

19:09:38 From Suzy to All panelists : There was a huge turn out for the other proposal.

19:10:19 From Suzy to All panelists : We had a lot of people against this for the last one.

19:10:28 From Suzy to All panelists : What about security?

19:10:53 From Suzy to All panelists : Growing the plants takes a lot of water. Will this affect neighboring water supplies

19:11:25 From Suzy to All panelists : If our town has any sort of water shortage we do not want this/.

19:11:41 From Suzy to All panelists : Water Consumption: Marijuana growing takes a lot of water. I know that a neighbor in my area had a dry well after the new houses in the Halfrey area were built. He was elderly and had to get government funding to drill a new well. Before this, he was going to Comet Pond and taking water out with a garbage pale. We need to be aware that their growing plan could increase water consumption greatly in that area causing problems for all the businesses and households in the area - especially older properties with shallower wells.

There will be agricultural run-off which will include the pesticides used in the growing of marijuana.

19:12:32 From Suzy to All panelists : If they are growing then there will be Light pollution.

19:13:35 From Suzy to All panelists : There will be the smell of marijuana. Will they be using Iodine Spray? Iodine can cause throat cancer.

19:13:54 From Suzy to All panelists : If there is run off into our water supply then we could be ruining our children's future.

19:14:47 From Suzy to All panelists : Why this is bad for our children:

Since legalization in Colorado there has been a huge increase of 12-17 year old using Marijuana. Marijuana can be psychotic causing - the chances are greater when the age of the brain development is younger AND the percentage of THC is higher.

If they do edibles. Edibles would be more marketable to younger people.

Edibles are can also be very dangerous. Kids will be kids and even the most careful parent could find hiding "Chocolates laced with marijuana consumed by children."

19:16:07 From Suzy to All panelists : What are there plans to mitigate against shortage of water supply (have they checked the water supply in the proposed area). Is there a shortage there?

19:16:45 From Suzy to All panelists : What are their plans to protect our children? I remember a young girl coming to the town meeting who was very against Mr Schidmt's proposal.

19:17:40 From Suzy to All panelists : If Mr Schimdt is involved, he mentioned the use of Iodine. Are they still planning on using Iodine to stop the smell? If yes, then what about the cancer causing effects of Iodine?

19:18:07 From Tom to All panelists : What about smell with outdoor growing? Are my cows going to get high?

19:19:20 From clem to All panelists : what is your long term plan as to staying in town??

19:19:33 From Suzy to All panelists : Are you aware that there is also a lot of liability for these companies when they go into business. Under federal RICO laws, they can be sued for things like causing harm to individuals they sell to and causing property values (especially within 300 feet of them) to decrease because of smell, traffic, and other concerns.

19:19:38 From Suzy to All panelists : Are they adding Iodine?

19:20:35 From Suzy to All panelists : Yes I was in the senior center ... there were a lot against that night. Sadly, many older folk who may not know how to use Zoom?

19:21:33 From Suzy to All panelists : Ryan, I am concerned everything you mentioned was via technology. For older folk this is not good enough :(.

19:23:56 From Suzy to All panelists : Marijuana "requires almost 22 liters of water per plant a day during the growing season, which adds up to three billion liters per square kilometer of greenhouse-grown plants between June and October, according to some research. During the low flow period, irrigation demands for cultivation can exceed the amount of water flowing in a river, leaving little water to sustain aquatic life."

19:24:32 From Suzy to All panelists : That

19:24:39 From Suzy to All panelists : That's a lot of water.

19:24:54 From Suzy to All panelists : <https://daily.jstor.org/the-environmental-downside-of-cannabis-cultivation/>

19:25:01 From Gordon Seigny to All panelists : Mailings would help! not everyone is connected through emails or checking out your website. And I would not of known about this meeting if someone didn't tell me. Its kind sneaky honestly. People are against this and its will affect our community negatively. W can't even have a drive thru Dunkins, why ar we going to allow this business? It is going to cause so much inn and out traffic. And parking on 68. And where are you getting the water? That will effect our water supplies as we have wells.

19:26:19 From Suzy to All panelists : We should worry for Tom's organic farms. The run off from the water will affect his cows!

19:27:25 From Jaime Lee : Where on 68 is this going? Near the playground? near where kids might be walking to school?

19:27:26 From Suzy to All panelists : We should be protecting our organic farms in Hubbardston!

19:28:07 From clem to All panelists : it will smell but you can't get high

19:30:04 From clem to All panelists : this BUSSINESS will generate income though sales tax and property tax

19:30:30 From Suzy to All panelists : All other plants do not use the amount of water that Marajuana uses.

19:31:17 From Tom to All panelists : 1,825,000 gal per year that is a lot of water?

19:33:08 From clem : any idea how much revenue you will create for the town in the form of tax revenue

19:33:12 From Suzy to All panelists : Ryan, can you please organize a letter and write to everyone in the town so that everyone who doesn't have access to technology will be able to see this. Not just the website.

19:33:45 From Jaime Lee : Why wouldn't Boey pay for the mailings?

19:33:50 From Suzy to All panelists : Boey Bertold should Pay for this!

19:35:02 From johnday to All panelists : With this business coming into town will this help with home owner property tax

19:39:13 From alancrane to All panelists : the chicken far

19:40:26 From Suzy to All panelists : A certain amount of water that is "Allowed" in one place is different than from a town with wells! It will affect all the neighbors. ESPECIALLY because it is so high on a hill. They will have to drill much deeper than all the surrounding houses ... probably 1000 ft and this will affect all the older houses for sure ... as I mentioned above with our elderly neighbor who had no access to water.

19:40:42 From alancrane to All panelists : the country hen smells far worse than boeys farm will, and will bring the town 100x the revenue

19:41:20 From clem : thank you all for your time