



## TOWN OF BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

### Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee

#### HEARING NOTICE

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM, via Zoom

The Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM to review, discuss and vote on Warrant Articles 19, 20 and 28.

Due to current public health concerns, meetings will be conducted virtually using Zoom. Please use the link below to register in advance for this meeting: <http://bit.ly/31F6qnx>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

#### AGENDA

1. Review, discuss and vote on WA19: Amend Article 8.37 of the Town's General Bylaws pertaining to Marijuana Establishments (Planning and Community Development Department)
2. Review, discuss and vote on WA20: Amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws to conform to amended state regulations pertaining to the licensing and regulation of Marijuana Couriers and Delivery Operators (Planning and Community Development Department)
3. Review, discuss and vote on WA28: Establish Racial Equity Fund (Select Board)
4. Staff Updates
5. Meeting Minute Approval

**The public is invited to attend and participate.**

This meeting is a public hearing. During the public hearing, members of the public will have an opportunity to offer comments on items under consideration. The committee also welcomes written comments, which will be circulated to members of the committee if they are sent to [mbaldwin@brooklinema.gov](mailto:mbaldwin@brooklinema.gov)

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## **Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee Charge**

The Select Board hereby creates the Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee to advise the Community Impact Coordinator and the Select Board on the expenditure of community impact fees and the implementation of mitigation measures associated with the sale of recreational marijuana in Brookline.

The committee shall consider and make recommendations on the expenditure of community impact funds in accordance with M.G.L. c. 94G, § 3(d). on topics including:

- Parking and traffic
- Storefront cannabis retail operations
- Litter
- Enforcement of public consumption laws
- Enforcement of violations of bylaws and state law

The Committee shall be made up of a Select Board Member, town staff, residents, and business owners or nonprofit organization representatives.

The Community Impact Coordinator shall be the primary staff liaison to the Committee and serve as an associate, non-voting member. In addition, staff representatives from the following town departments shall serve as associate, non-voting members of the Committee:

- Fire
- Police
- Public Health
- Transportation Division of the Department of Public Works
- Sanitation Division of the Department of Public Works
- Economic Development and Long Term Planning Division of the Planning Department

Voting members of the Committee shall consist of three residents or business owners or nonprofit organization representatives from each neighborhood where a storefront retail cannabis license has been issued, as well as a Select Board Member. In the event that more than two or more storefront retail cannabis licenses are issued to locations within the same neighborhood, said neighborhood's representation on the committee shall remain three individuals each exercising one vote. Voting members of the committee shall serve three year staggered terms, with one representative of each impacted neighborhood's term expiring each year on a three year cycle. Any vacancy arising on the committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Select Board Member shall serve as the committee's chair.

The appointed study committee shall submit its initial written findings and recommendations to the Select Board no later than May 15, 2020. Thereafter, the committee shall annually submit a written report detailing its discussions and activities to be included in the Town's Annual Report. The committee shall also appear before the Select Board at least once per annum to update and advise the Select Board about matters consistent with its charge.

This committee does not have the power to grant or deny license applications, as that power is vested in those Town officials detailed in Article 5.7