



# Town of Brookline

## CANNABIS MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Miriam Ashkenazy  
Chair

### Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee MINUTES – Thursday, March 3, 2022

#### Attendees

Committee Members: Bruce Levin, Matt Hyatt, Amy Newell, Ana Otero, Danny Stone

Public: Lina Levein, Susan Park, Tom Stalcup

Staff: Lesley Archabal (Health), Paul Cullinane (Police), Russell O'Neill (Police)

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- Public Comment:
  - Tom Stalcup asked CMAC to consider allocating \$1 million to an anti-marijuana campaign, similar to the anti-tobacco campaign in the 90s.
  - Susan Park also advocated that more funds be spent on school and youth programs. She spoke to movement by the Advisory Council on Public Health & the Brookline Health Department on some of the marijuana warrant articles from Fall 2021 Town Meeting. Susan was most enthused about the Health Department's work to establish a community coalition to work to prevent substance use in Brookline.
  - Miriam Aschkenasy explained that the budget for FY23 has already been voted on and that their comments would be considered next funding cycle. She also noted that \$1 million is more money than CMAC would be able to allocate and asked Tom if there was a smaller amount of money that would suffice for a similar project. Miriam also responded to Susan's comment by noting that the work being done at the Health Department and through B-PEN is currently funded through CMAC.
- Updates from staff: Paul Cullinane introduced his new replacement on the group, Russell O'Neill
- The committee members discussed proposed changes to the CMAC charge. The group opted to approve all changes to the document presented by Miriam. Members

discussed adding additional language for equity. Miriam will add and a final updated charge will be presented at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.