

The protections for rural residential neighborhoods from commercial and personal cannabis grows took significant time and effort to establish with major public input. After debate, wrangling and public input spanning untold hours and meetings with the BOS, these said protections were established. This wasn't decades ago. These have been fought for and constantly defended since at least 2016 and even last year. Why are we here now? These residential protections were established not because people like or dislike cannabis as a whole, but because constituents want their neighborhoods to be less contaminated with the odor, peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhood and your own property, and less chance of crime. Is that so bad? I think we can all agree that cannabis isn't apples or grapes or some other benign crop. It has a pungent odor. And yes, whether its 6 plants, 12 plants or more, there will be an illegal market element, and therefore, cash, and an invite for crime. This board is notorious for spending exorbitant amounts of time on cannabis and having very little to show for it. This is, at best, an altering of the previously agreed course, and at worst a betrayal, and outright REVERSAL of action that had strong support. Please leave the residential protections alone.

Thank you
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