

## Medical Marijuana RMD Staff Comments

Jamie,

The Board of Health have no comments regarding this proposal. They, like any other medical facility, must comply with all Federal, State and Local regulations and Bylaws.

The Town should not be in favor or against it.

Ed Wirtanen  
Board of Health

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As a member of the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association, I can tell you that there is strong opposition, and/or concerns by many police chiefs in the Commonwealth over registered marijuana dispensaries. As Chief of Hopkinton, my main concern is public safety. Many things need to be taken into consideration such as an increase in potential crimes. For instance, breaking and entering into the facility, or robberies to workers, caregivers and patients. Quality of life issues such as an increase in traffic congestion, noise, or an increase in public use of marijuana may be potential risk factors. Security to such a facility must be paramount in order to prevent crime and to identify criminals. I will continue to conduct research on the matter including speaking with Chiefs who have an (RMD) in their communities and the impacts.

**Edward J Lee Jr.**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Town Of Hopkinton**

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Jamie,

Please request confirmation from the applicant that the RMD would be located in one of the four zoning districts in which the Town allows them by special permit - Business, Rural Business, Industrial A and Industrial B.

Thank you,

Elaine

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Good Morning All - I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I have given this a lot of thought and need to oppose this. As Director of Youth and Families, my thinking is that the majority of the people I represent would not support a marijuana dispensary in town, whether it is legal and meets all zoning requirements or not. Even legal establishments run into issues with items from dispensaries being sold second hand through the black market. I worry about these items (especially edibles) getting into the hands of young people.

That's my two cents.

Have a wonderful long weekend --  
Denise