

Paul Foley

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Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Paul Foley
Subject: FW: letter to Martha's Vineyard Commissioners

Paul please include letter from Helen for the Commissioner's meeting tomorrow night. Thank you. -Dilly

From: Helen DeBlase [<mailto:lennie.deblase@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 1:21 PM
To: ddeblase@chilmarkma.gov
Subject: letter to Martha's Vineyard Commissioners

To: Martha's Vineyard Commissioners
Re: Marijuana Dispensary

I am opposed to the location of a Marijuana Dispensary for the following reasons:

one-I live on Dr Fisher Road--the first building in from Old County Road. In the past five years I have lived here traffic has increased dramatically. As I'm sure

you are aware, Dr Fisher Road is a one way, bumpy dirt road, which is privately maintained. That maintenance is paid for by the abutters and the fee

would certainly increase when non-residents use the road. Since the address for the dispensary is Dr Fisher Road, it stands to reason that many of its

users will be using the County Road end because that is where the only street sign is located. The other end of the road is called Old Stage Road, off

of State Road. The increased traffic, noise and dust that would blow into my apartment would certainly adversely affect my quality of life.

two-While I am not against people using marijuana for relief of medical issues, I do feel the location of the dispensary near two schools (West Tisbury and

the Island Childrens' School) and on a road where many young children live, is not a good idea. I think that the medical use will morph into

recreational use and that it sets an unfortunate precedent. Ideally, it would be wonderful to bring our children up to be self-reliant and not to feel

that smoking a joint will solve all their problems. Having a dispensary close at hand will certainly weaken any learning in that area. It could also

bring drug users and all their accompanying problems into what is now a pleasant, residential neighborhood.

In closing, I feel that a more commercial, easily accessed location is better for the dispensary AND our children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Helen M. DeBlase .