

## Paul Foley

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**To:** Paul Foley  
**Subject:** Fw: Marijuana Dispensary Dr Fisher Road

Martha's Vineyard Commission

Dear Members of the Commission,

My name is Melissa Manter, I own Map 21 Lot 4, a 4+ acre parcel (light Industrial) next to the proposed site for building and operating a registered marijuana dispensary on Dr Fisher Road in WT. I also have an 8+ acre farm (Map 21 lot 6), which is 1 lot over from the proposed dispensary, where I have lived for over twenty years. I live there with my finance and his two boys ages 9 and 12.

I have many many concerns regarding the proposed location on Dr Fisher Road for the dispensary. There are many unknown facts along with a lot of deception.

I am a supporter of a MEDICAL marijuana dispensary on the Island. I am opposed to recreational marijuana dispensary. I do not feel Dr. Fisher Road is an adequate location. I do not feel that location is in the best interest of the residence of the Island. I believe the dispensary should be centrally located and easily accessible. I would assume those who would be using medical marijuana would be the sick and the elderly, therefore the site should be easily accessible for all Island residents, not down a narrow privately owned dirt road. (yes it is a public pass thru, but it is privately owned). I feel it is a state licensed operation and it should be located on a state road. Where it is easily accessible by all. I feel it should be in a location where it is visible to the Police and easily accessible by emergency personal and vehicles. I am unaware of any drug store or liquor store on the island whose access is not off a town road or state highway.

I am concerned about the lighting, as my home is on a hill, that overlooks the proposed location, and from what I understand about the lighting required by the State, I will be looking out over them... I am concerned about the noise from the ventilation system. I am concern for the kids walking to and from school, horseback riders, bicyclist, dog walkers etc..as the road is only wide enough for one car going one way. People unfamiliar with the area and the road are going to be driving over people's private property to get out of the way.

Several years ago a traffic study, requested by the MVC, was done regarding the intersection of Old Stage Road and State Road.. I believe the outcome of that study was that Old Stage Road and State Road intersection was maxed to capacity. I would recommend a new study be done as traffic has increased considerably on Old Stage Road since the last study.

Approving the site at Dr Fisher Road for a marijuana dispensary will have a negative affect on the area and will forever change the character of the neighborhood. Eventually, no matter what Mr. Rose is telling us, the license he has been granted will eventually include recreational use.. Therefor by allowing the dispensary at the requested Dr Fisher Road location, you are allowing a business into the area which will evolve into selling recreational marijuana..

This is not the site that Mr Rose put on his application to the state for the dispensary. Would the State have approved his license at this site? Is his license valid at this site? I have been in contact with the owners of 505 State Road, they have always been and still are willing to allow him to build a new building with any size and spec to meet the state requirements for a dispensary at 505 State Road. There is a proposal on the table between the owners of 505 and Mr. Rose, Mr Rose has not gotten back to them.

Having the dispensary at 505 state road would affect me also, as I am about 3/4 mile away (1/3 mile as birds fly). So I am not saying not in my back yard.. that is still very close to my house and I would prefer not there either. The reality is, it is going to go somewhere and to me that seems like a good location. No location is going to be perfect.

I believe when the Town of WT voted to allow the dispensary in town, the focus was on a medical marijuana dispensary, very few knew it could evolve into a recreational dispensary. I am hoping the town puts an article on a warrant to amend the by-law specifying a MEDICAL marijuana dispensary.

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