

Bart McDonough

From: Janice <jcschenker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Bart McDonough
Subject: Tilton Ave Grow Operation

Dear Mr. Mcdonough,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed marijuana growing facility located at 35 Tilton Avenue.

We have been living on Tilton Ave for nearly 30 years and our home is located a few doors down from #35. This proposed operation is absolutely inappropriate for this neighborhood. It is a commercial operation and does not belong on a residential, dead end street. Families with children, pets, senior citizens, etc all enjoy the safety and community atmosphere of this street. Please don't ruin this neighborhood by allowing such a business.

Indoor marijuana growing requires ventilation. If you research this you will see that there is no such thing as a self contained indoor grow system. The air must be exchanged. To be sure, we have been subjected to the acrid and very unpleasant odor emanating from this garage several times already.

Is this person already operating as though he has town approval? Neighbors have attested to the fact that the operation is ongoing and the smell is clear and present.

Growing marijuana requires herbicides, fungicides, pesticides...all dangerous chemicals which will no doubt leach into the groundwater and affect our gardens and the safety of our land and, in addition, disperse into the atmosphere.

Indoor growing is a fire hazard with the required electric service necessary for lighting. And the amount of water needed is considerable. Drainage into the surrounding lawns and gardens is worrisome.

Please consider all of these important points and put a stop to this business.

Thank you.

Janice Schenker
29 Tilton Ave

Bart McDonough

From: Linda Patch <patchlindak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:33 PM
To: Bart McDonough
Subject: 1/27/22 - meeting comments

Mr. Bart McDonough and all Planning Board Members:

I'm writing to you to respectfully request the application for 35 Tilton Ave please be denied. This is the 4th meeting for many neighbors coming out & showing strong support against this - 2 prior town hall meetings & the site visit. We are all still very much against this and have brought up many excellent concerns. All of our concerns are still valid, nothing has changed or improved. This business does not belong on a narrow residential dead end street, with homes very close to each other.

Myself & many of us have experienced the disgusting skunk like smell & it actually smells worse than a decaying skunk, coming from the applicant's home at 35 Tilton. There isn't a certain time or one day of the week that I could say is the worst, it varies but it's frequent and horrible. It's a huge concern with this odor being so noticeable in the recent cold Dec. & Jan. temps, I worry and dread what this will be like in the July & Aug. heat. Many of us enjoy spending time outside, taking a walk on our street, sitting out enjoying lunch on a deck etc. on a warm sunny day. We pay very high taxes living on Tilton, is it fair to take away our ability to enjoy spending time outside in our own yards, by allowing our air quality to be ruined? We should all be able to open our windows & have access to clean fresh air.

If I let all my garbage pile up in my yard for a few months, my neighbors would complain and rightly so - they shouldn't have to put up with another neighbor's trash smell coming into their yards or homes. Just as it's very unfair to make the Tilton Ave neighbors put up with the strong odors we have been experiencing coming from 35 Tilton.

Thank you,
Linda K. Patch (32 Tilton Ave)

1/26/2022

To: Kittery Planning Board

From: Mary Carey, 37 Tilton Ave, Kittery

Subject: 1/27/2022 public hearing on 35 Tilton Ave, Item 3

On 12/01/2021, I was in my backyard at 37 Tilton and detected a strong marijuana odor. I then noticed a hole cut in the side of the garage at 35 Tilton on the side of the garage facing my back yard, a few inches from the property line. The odor seemed to be coming from this hole, which had not been present a few days before. Since then, I have occasionally heard a fan behind the hole. My property is only 60 feet wide, and just over 100 feet deep. Thinking that this must be a work-in-progress for the filtration system, I waited a week, and then informed the homeowner on 12/8/2021 that there was odor in my yard.

Between 12/1/2021 and 1/2/2022, I detected odor nearly every day at various locations on my property, and at various locations along Tilton Ave, between 33 Tilton Ave and 39 Tilton Ave, and across the street from my house in the driveway of 36 Tilton Ave. Sometimes the odor would be faint, but it was usually strong in the last two weeks of the year. The odor would tend to linger in my driveway, and at my front door, ready to greet visitors to my home. I also detected the odor inside my front door. While I was shoveling snow in December, the odor was so strong in my driveway that I stopped shoveling and continued the task only when the odor had subsided. My driveway is on the opposite side of my house from the garage at 35 Tilton. I note that all the odor detection has been during cold weather when I have been outside infrequently, and my windows have not been open.

I understand that odor detection is the result of several variables, including the life cycle of the plants and the quantity of flowering plants, as well as weather and wind direction. I have not detected any strong odors since 1/2/2022. If this odor was being generated by the volume of plants being grown for personal use, then the odor will likely be much greater when marijuana is being grown for commercial distribution.

I attach a picture taken on 12/1/2021 from my back door in the direction of the garage. It shows what appears to be a 4 inch hole. It has since been covered by a critter-guard.



12/1/2021

