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Neighbors Urge West Stockbridge Planning Board to Deny Wiseacre Cannabis Permit Renewal

West Stockbridge, MA — Neighbors Advocating for Fresh Air (NAFA), a coalition of residents from West Stockbridge and Richmond, has formally submitted opposition to the renewal of the Special Permit for the Wiseacre cannabis cultivation facility located at 42 Baker Street. Represented by attorney William E. Martin, NAFA cites serious concerns over odor, noise, legal compliance, and community impact.

“Wiseacre is not a farm under Massachusetts law,” said Martin. “It is a cannabis manufacturing operation that has failed to meet its obligations to the Town and its neighbors.”

NAFA’s opposition outlines multiple deficiencies in Wiseacre’s 2025 Special Permit application, including missing documentation, lack of transparency, and failure to comply with zoning bylaws. The group also highlights the findings of a 2024 independent environmental report, which concluded that Wiseacre’s odor mitigation plan was ineffective.

Residents have reported overwhelming skunk-like odors and disruptive noise from industrial fans, which violate local noise ordinances and permit conditions. Despite repeated complaints and requests for accountability, NAFA says Wiseacre has dismissed community concerns and failed to implement meaningful improvements.

“The facility has made it impossible for nearby residents to enjoy their homes,” said one NAFA member. “We’ve been ignored, dismissed, and labeled as harassers for simply asking for relief.”

NAFA is calling on the Planning Board to deny the permit renewal. If the Board chooses to renew, the group requests a three-year limit and strict conditions, including independent oversight, transparent reporting, and enforceable odor and noise controls.

“This is about protecting the health, peace, and character of our community,” Martin said. “Wiseacre has had two seasons to prove it can be a responsible neighbor. It has failed.”

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