

Residents angry over exclusion from pot store decision

To the Editor:

So much talk about marijuana in Pound Ridge! Whether you approve of marijuana use, you disapprove, or you have no opinion is irrelevant to the issue of the town making it possible or probable that a marijuana retail store will open its doors in Pound Ridge.

Residents are angry that the town board did not include them in a decision not to opt out, which would have allowed the town to retain control of marijuana sales establishments in town. The issue central to all the discourse is this: Through a townwide vote, open hearings and/or a townwide survey, residents should have had decision-making power over whether or not a marijuana store serves the needs and wants of the majority. Instead, the town board, a handful of individuals, made a decision themselves that many residents mourn as being counter to the character, the safety, the quality-of-life and the real estate value of our much-loved town. That is a terrible way to govern. It's time for a change.

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