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I have lived in Bowdoinham for the past 22 years, 16 of which were as owner, with my husband, of 56 Main St. We purchased the property because of its historic charm and the charm of the town itself. I am very concerned with the proposed plan to allow the application of Scott Gallant to establish a marijuana growing, processing, and retail facility to be centrally located in the historic district. Aside from the appearance of the present structure, the approval of this endeavor will change the nature of the town itself.

Property values in and around town will be negatively affected, to say the least. This facility does not enhance the value of life in Bowdoinham.

Traffic generated from a retail facility such as this will necessarily be greatly increased. Public safety will be an issue at this location.

Health issues cannot be overlooked as some people are negatively affected by the odor of marijuana. In addition, the odor from growing and processing the plants in the center of town will affect every homeowner near and within the town. Proposals to control this are not guaranteed and fees for violation after the fact will solve nothing.

To put it mildly, I am appalled that this proposal has reached this stage. Exactly what will/can the town do now to prevent this from going through?

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