

Meeting Minutes City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Date: Monday, December 4, 2023, 6:00PM

Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair
Michael Iudice, Commissioner
Lauren Grymek, Clerk to the Liquor Commission
Mayor Paul Brodeur

6:03pm Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

Commissioner Iudice motioned to take agenda items out of order, to review the One-day Special Permit application first. Chairman Nevin seconded the motion. All in favor.

I. Old Business

1. Amending the Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to Allow for the Issuance of Farmer Series' Pouring Permits in the City of Melrose Amending the Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to Allow for the Issuance of Farmer Series' Pouring Permits in the City of Melrose

- a. Commissioner Nevin acknowledged packet emails received regarding this topic.
- b. Commissioner Iudice motioned to add all emails received as part of the meeting record. Seconded by Chairman Nevin. All in favor.
- c. Commissioner Nevin opened public comment.
- d. Mayor Brodeur made remarks highlighting the economic development benefits, increased tax revenue and general foot traffic increase to the downtown that would benefit other businesses. Discussed adding a brewery as a hospitality amenity Melrose does not currently have.
- e. Melrose resident Finn McSweeney, West Wyoming Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed regulations, citing that he had commented at the November meeting in support of this initiative. Mr. McSweeney cited this to support new small businesses, and there are other options in other communities.
- f. Melrose resident Jim O'Loughlin, Lincoln Street, acknowledged that his comments were made at the 9/28 City Council meeting and then 11/16 Liquor Commission meeting stand. He read a statement, and asked that it be part of the meeting record. (Attached to the minutes). Mr. O'Loughlin advocated for the food requirement to apply to the farmer series pouring permit. He also offered comments that the opening hours were too early. He cited the two outdoor beer gardens previously held, while there wasn't any public

disorder we do not know if there were unintended social consequences as a result and cautions against leaning towards more alcohol-centric events and experiences.

- g. Commissioner Nevin closed public comment.
- h. Commissioner Iudice commented that the existing regulations for restaurants and requiring a patron order food when ordering a second drink should remain in place to be fair. He stressed wanting something in the regulations pertaining to the farmer series pouring permit as it pertains to food. He also commented that he is not in favor of food trucks or food delivery as a means to satisfy the existing food requirement regulation. He prefers having food served on-premises.
- i. Mayor Brodeur commented that the community has evolved gradually and responsibly to where we are today and feels this continues that. He talked about a brewery as an amenity and space to socialize.
- j. Chairman Nevin suggested a modest kitchen to heat/reheat stuff not a full-service kitchen in order to provide food options to patrons.
- k. Mayor Brodeur noted clubs not having a food requirement and one-day licenses not having a requirement.
- l. Commissioner Iudice distinguishes clubs as self-contained and not open to the public.
- m. No action was taken. Agenda item tabled until next meeting.

II. New Business

- 1. One-Day Special Permit Applications submitted to local licensing authority: Bobby C's Ristorante - Friday, December 8, 2023, 6:30pm – 10:00pm and Saturday, December 9, 2023, 6:30pm – 10:00pm, Melrose Symphony Concert, Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose MA 02176**
 - a. Application and accompanying documents reviewed.
 - b. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the one-day License application.
 - c. Chairman Nevin seconded the motion.
 - d. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman at the time of posting.**
 - a. None

7:06pm

Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Chairman Nevin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

I'd like to reiterate my advocacy that the food requirement apply to the farmer series pouring permit (the brewery permit). To be clear, by food requirement I mean that food would be required after the first drink.

Behavior at the recent beer gardens was discussed at both the September 28 and November 16 Commission meetings. It was mentioned that there were no problems – and by no problems, it was meant that there were no publicly observable problems. No disorderly conduct, no public drunkenness, no underaged drinking, no DUI that we knew about – and I'm sure that was likely the case. But what we can't say, is that there were no social consequences. We don't know what happened when people got home with a couple of beers in them. We don't know if the beer gardens gave someone who already had a problem, another encouraged opportunity to drink.

Maybe we just have a legal obligation to address what happens in public. But I think we have a moral obligation to try to address or mitigate social consequences. And while the majority of people drink responsibly, it is very concerning to me that we are gravitating towards alcohol-centric events, and alcohol-centric venues.

The food requirement is a small mitigation. It makes the experience a little less alcohol-centric. It sends a message at the point of consumption that we expect people to drink responsibly. And to Commissioner Nevin's point at the last meeting, it is not a heavy lift. If two people went out, and got two beers each, they would be into about \$40 for the beer. \$80 if four people went out. A \$15 plate of chicken wings or basket of nachos is not going to break the bank.

In addition to advocating for the food requirement, I provided comments on the draft regulation at the November 16th meeting. I won't repeat those out of respect for people's time. But I do want to come back to the 10:00 AM opening on Saturday and Sunday. Brunch was discussed as a reason for this. I had actually considered that prior to making my comment – and if this was a full-service restaurant with a full-service bar that could provide the drinks sometimes associated with brunch, like mimosas, I could understand that. But this place is going to be much more like a bar than a restaurant. I associate beer for breakfast with guys out on camping or fishing trips. My concern is that this place will be opening up at 10:00 AM for sporting events, and now you have people starting to drink beer at 10:00 AM, potentially for a good part of the day. An 11:00 AM open for lunch seems plenty early.

I've indicated several times that I recognize the importance of, and challenges associated with, trying to foster economic activity in today's downtown. I've also indicated that I have no objection to the brewing of beer for on-site consumption. But brewery use needs to be provided for in a socially conscious manner. The food requirement, and reasonable limits on hours of operation, are two small measures towards that end.

JAMES O'LOUGHLIN

From: [T.T](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:53:56 AM

A brewery sounds like a great idea. It makes perfect sense, as Melrose has slowly been modernizing over the years. As a lifelong resident, it would be nice to not have to visit another town to enjoy the atmosphere of a local brew house.

Thanks for your time.

Tim Traill

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From: [John Corbin](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery Support
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 7:47:04 AM

I support Melrose having a local brewery consistent with applicable laws and/or ordinances.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:50:12 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:49 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery

-----Original Message-----

From: Roberta Tobey <rtobeygertz@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:50 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery

Hi Mayor Brodeur.

Just wanted to let you know that I am 100% in favor of a brewery in Melrose. I think it would be a wonderful asset!

Thank you!

Roberta Tobey Gertz

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery in Melrose
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:42 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery in Melrose

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From: VeAnn Leach <veann@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 2:38 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery in Melrose

Hi Paul,

We are 100% in favor of a brewery in Melrose! If the Idle Hands events were any indication, looks like it should be a great addition to downtown Melrose! Thanks, VeAnn & Tom Leach Sent from my iPhone ****CITY OF MELROSE PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE: Please be advised that the Massachusetts Attorney General has determined that email is a public record unless the content of the email falls within one of the stated exemptions under the Massachusetts Public Records Laws.**** ****CITY OF MELROSE PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE: Please be advised that the Massachusetts Attorney General has determined that email is a public record unless the content of the email falls within one of the stated exemptions under the Massachusetts Public Records Laws.****

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery license
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53:03 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@CityofMelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery license

From: Toghill, Lindsay <LToghill@oneillandassoc.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:14 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery license

Mayor Brodeur –

I'm writing in support of the proposed Pouring Permit to allow for a brewery to be sited in Melrose. Breweries bring economic activity and we need expanded commercial opportunities to help diversify the tax base. Melrose is gaining a fabulous reputation as a destination city and allowing for a brewery would bring even more people to our City to shop, eat and support local business.

I really hope this passes so we can continue to evolve our City and grow our commercial presence.

Thank you!

Lindsay Toghill
186 Melrose Street
Melrose, MA 02176

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O'Neill and Associates
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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery Regulations
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53:15 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery Regulations

From: Nathan Brodeur <nathanbrodeur@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:11 AM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery Regulations

Dear Mayor Brodeur,

I am writing to voice my support for siting a brewery in Melrose, and to encourage the Liquor Commission to vote to adopt the regulations required to do so. A brewery would be a great addition to our downtown and another economic driver for the city. I, and many of my friends who enjoy craft beer, frequent breweries in nearby cities like Faces in Malden, Night Shift in Everett and Lord Hobo in Everett. Let's bring that brewery experience, and the economic returns associated with same, to Melrose.

Sincerely,

Nathan Brodeur
86 East Emerson Street

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery Regulations
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:17 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery Regulations

From: Jim Akerhielm <jim.akerhielm@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:04 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery Regulations

I want to express my support for improving the Melrose regulations to enable the cultural and economic benefits of hosting commercial breweries. Melrose is a great community; let's make it even better.

Jim Akerhielm

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery regulations
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53:08 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery regulations

From: Ian Ward <ianwardmausa@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 2:58 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery regulations

Hi Paul, I support the proposed brewery regulations.

Ian Ward

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery support
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:28 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery support

-----Original Message-----

From: David Larkin <larkinkd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 2:52 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery support

Please be advised that I am 100% supportive of the proposed brewery regulations.

Dave Larkin

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery!
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53:21 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery!

From: Heather Caouette <caouette.h@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 11:07 AM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery!

Hello Mr. Mayor,

I am writing in MAJOR support of the proposed brewery on Main Street in Melrose. I hope it can be a trolley stop during Home for the Holidays next year!

Thank you for moving this forward!

Heather Caouette
160 W Wyoming Ave

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:52:39 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <Pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:52 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery

-----Original Message-----

From: Tiffany Hogan <tiffany.hoganunl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:50 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <Pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery

We are excited and fully support a brewery in melrose.

Eric and Tiffany Hogan
182 melrose street
Melrose, ma 02176

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 11:00:05 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Brewery

From: Charles Bookman <chuckbookman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:49 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery

I think the proposed brewery would be good for the city and believe the proposed regulations are reasonable.

Chuck Bookman

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Melrose Brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:38 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Melrose Brewery

From: Daniel Zibaitis <dan.zibaitis@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 2:40 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Melrose Brewery

Hi Paul,

Nate suggested that I reach out on the proposal of allowing a brewery in Melrose. I would be very much in support of this. We already have a vibrant restaurant scene and having a brewery would just add to the appeal of visiting Melrose, which can spillover to other local businesses. And, as a resident and beer fan, YES please!!

Best,

Dan

Dan Zibaitis
Regional Vice President, Core Market, Northeast Division
John Hancock

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[Boston MA 02116](#)

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Monday referendum on breweries
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:52:32 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Monday referendum on breweries

From: Michael Sangeorzan <mikesangeorzan@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 5:47 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Monday referendum on breweries

Hi Paul-

We were on the trolley today and you mentioned a Monday vote on potentially allowing breweries in melrose. We are strong proponents of allowing this for several reasons:

- 1) There are multiple breweries in neighboring towns that melrose families love to go to, and we should be doing all we can to keep that business local.
- 2) This would certainly be a solid tax generator for the city.
- 3) Melrose needs to update itself with the current climate of 2023 and allow at least comparable alcohol laws to match with other towns. The anti alcohol laws are outdated and making the change makes sense.

Hoping for a successful vote on Monday.

Thanks,
Mike S

12 tappan St, Melrose, MA 02176

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Please DO NOT ease the liquor laws in Melrose!
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:50:37 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Please DO NOT ease the liquor laws in Melrose!

-----Original Message-----

From: LAURIE SCHMIDT <lauriemelrose@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 11:04 AM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Please DO NOT ease the liquor laws in Melrose!

Paul,

It's not difficult for any adult resident to acquire alcoholic beverages at existing businesses in and around Melrose.

It's just as important to hold the line on more alcohol related businesses as it would be to keep a casino out of town. Please consider the ramifications on vulnerable populations within our city limits.

For those who struggle with alcohol dependence, and children under the age of 21, the easier access to this socially acceptable drug could be seriously detrimental.

What we currently enjoy in Melrose is a small "buffer zone". Thank you for considering this perspective.

Respectfully,
Laurie Schmidt

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Potential Brewery in Melrose
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:51:08 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <Pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Potential Brewery in Melrose

-----Original Message-----

From: Mandy Minichiello <mandyminichiello@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 6:08 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <Pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Potential Brewery in Melrose

Hello,

I am a Melrose Highlands resident and would like to express my support for a potential brewery in Melrose.

I have a child in the school system and would welcome additional commercial tax contributions to our city to further support our school system and other municipal projects.

Thank you,
Mandy Minichiello

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Regulations
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:21 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:53 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Proposed Regulations

From: Steven Locke <slocke@brandeis.edu>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 4:18 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Proposed Regulations

Dear Mayor Brodeur,

I write to express my support for the proposed brewery regulations. I strongly believe that permitting a brewery to operate in Melrose under the proposed regulations would be very beneficial to the Melrose community and would add much-needed revenue to the tax base. I fully support passage.

Thank you.

Steven Locke

Swains Pond Avenue

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Support for brewery in melrose
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:57 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Support for brewery in melrose

-----Original Message-----

From: michelle brodeur <michelleandian@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:52 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Support for brewery in melrose

I am writing to express my support for allowing brewery licensure in Melrose. Please support this issue in Monday's vote.

Michelle

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Proposed Brewery Regulations
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:59:49 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Support for Proposed Brewery Regulations

From: Bill Altier <Bill.Altier@JenningsAlberts.com>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 2:27 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Support for Proposed Brewery Regulations

Hello Mayor Brodeur:

We hereby express our support for the proposed brewery regulations.

Thanks to you, and your office for your great dedicated service to the wonderful Melrose community.

Best Regards,

Bill Altier

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: We support proposed updates in favor of breweries
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:50:54 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: We support proposed updates in favor of breweries

From: Chloe Negrón <chloejadenegron@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:22 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: We support proposed updates in favor of breweries

Hi Mayor Paul,

Thanks for the trolley ride today. Our family loved it!

We wanted to reach out to voice our support of your proposed updates for the farmer series pouring permit. My husband Julio and I both fully support your efforts to allow breweries in Melrose. Breweries would change the economy and culture if this wonderful city for the better and we would love to see it happen.

Sincerely,
Chloe and Julio Negrón
219 Howard St, Melrose, MA 02176

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From: [Grymek, Lauren](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: FW: Yes on brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:51:23 AM

From: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Grymek, Lauren <lgrymek@CityofMelrose.org>
Subject: FW: Yes on brewery

From: David Hoff <davidphoff@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 6:00 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Yes on brewery

Dear Mayor Brodeur,

I am writing to support your efforts to change the city's Liquor License regulations to allow the local issuance of Farmer Series Pouring permits, which would allow breweries to operation in Melrose. A brewery in Melrose would be a wonderful addition to the city, in terms of creating a gathering spot for local residents to enjoy themselves, and adding to Melrose's reputation as a destination and attractive city to spend time. I sincerely hope the Liquor Commission will approve this change in regulations.

Thank you for your work on this issue.

David Hoff
46 Warwick Road
Melrose, MA. 02176

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From: [Connors, Jarrod C. \(BOS - X71426\)](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: I support Breweries in Melrose
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:03:48 AM

Hello

I am a melrose resident and I support the Mayor's request to allow breweries in Melrose. I hope you act favorably on this request which will be beneficial for the city and its residents.

Jarrod C. Connors
3 Alden street

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From: [Chris Dinan](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Cc: [Finn McSweeney](#)
Subject: New Brewery
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:39:32 AM

Hello,

My name is Chris Dinan, and I live at 47 Adams St, Melrose. It was brought to my attention by Finn McSweeney that Melrose has an opportunity to get a small brewery added to our downtown. Accordingly, I am writing this email to let you know this is a much-welcomed addition to our downtown. Melrose's downtown would benefit significantly from some culinary diversity; this brewery would be a terrific step in the right direction.

Best,
Chris

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From: [Amanda Caney](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Please approve the brewery!!
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 10:58:38 AM

Hi - I am a resident of Melrose. I have lived at 334 West Emerson St for 12 years and also moved my mom into a condo I own at 515 Pleasant St 7 years ago. Please say "YES!!" to allowing a brewery in town. There needs to be more social options for adults and families. Currently my husband and I go to Malden or Woburn if we want to go to a brewery. I'd love to spend the money here, increase the tax base, and save money on Ubers.

Sincerely,

Amanda Caney

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Paul Belfanti](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support for approval of Operations of Breweries
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:29:19 AM

Greetings,

I want to express my support for approval of the Farmer Series Pouring Permits as the next (final?) step in allowing for Brewery-Pubs in Melrose. I think it would enhance the Melrose downtown as a destination, provide another lively gathering space and light dining option, and bring in folks from surrounding communities to support our economy. I very much hope the Liquor Licensing Commission approves this permitting.

My best,

Paolo

Paolo Belfanti

(he/him)

53 Wentworth Rd, Melrose, MA 02176

201.783.4884

pbelfanti@gmail.com

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From: [Andrew Schuyler](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: 12/4/23 Mtg
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:39:20 PM

To Whom it May Concern-

I am writing in regard to the Dec. 4th, 2023 meeting. I am in support of amending the liquor license rules so that enterprises do not need to serve food to patrons who are consuming alcoholic beverages. I believe that the current rules are antiquated and are in need of amendment so that the City can attract a diverse range of businesses. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional support for this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Andrew Schuyler

120 Forest Street

413-441-9352

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From: [Tim & Chrissie Kochanski](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: A brewery in Melrose
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:41:39 AM

Hello,

My family moved to Melrose in 2011. We have three kids in the school system, plus church and sports and absolutely love this gem of a walking city.

Please consider allowing a Brewery to open in Melrose.

Breweries are continuing to expand in Mass., plus other states, and offer a unique, fun, localized experience. In our extended family, common gifts are exchanged with different breweries' special beers and t-shirts, hats etc., that "you can't get anywhere else". When my peers and I visit other places, we focus on finding a brewery and bringing back that unique vibe of that specific area. They're great!

While we don't want Melrose to become a "party town" and appreciate the town's history of restraint, we also would like to see it grow to have a downtown worth visiting. As of now, downtown Main St. is a dead-zone after 9pm Sunday - Thursday. (Not everyone works the morning shift) This hurts every restaurant owner, their front and back of staff, and any other risidule business, such as a local gas station. Please loosen the noose on these businesses, our town, and please allow a local brewery to become a part of our community.

Thank you for your time,

Timothy Kochanski
135 Mount Vernon Ave
Melrose, MA 02176
thealmightybuck@gmail.com

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From: [Brett Chevalier](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery = yes
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 2:38:08 PM

With a brewery comes increased tax revenue. More subjectively, a brewery suggests melrose is modern and welcoming. A small brewery will draw more folks to melrose.

Upside outweighs potential downside. We are in support of the city enabling.

Brett chevalier
91 Boston rock road

Sent from my phone using unruly thumbs

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From: [ian epstein](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery ideas for town
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 11:49:30 AM

Hello,

Our family are 13 year residents and homeowners in Melrose, active in the community, schools, youth sports and church.

We fully support the opening of a fine brewery in Melrose, definitely love the food truck vendor trend and generally feel that the 'must order food law' in Melrose hurts business owners and residents' wallets at the same time. As a family with two kids, budgeting is important, and while it'd be nice to meet some friends for a drink in town, we'd prefer to eat at home, and then go out... not be forced to spend money on food when we've already bought groceries and are paying for a sitter. This sometimes deters us from meeting with our friends because we are not interested in going out for food, therefore doubling or tripling our bill.

Again, we would love and welcome a brewery in our Melrose.

Sincerely,

Ian Epstein

109 Mount Vernon Ave

ianepstein@gmail.com

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From: [Jodi D](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery in Melrose
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:08:03 PM

Dear liquor licensing,

This email is to share my support for a brewery in Melrose! Melrose needs more things to do and a place like this would be a fun spot to gather with neighbors. Please allow a license for this to happen.

Sincerely,

Jodi Dwyer

85 Lynde St #2

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Garrick Gauch](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery in Melrose
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 2:40:36 PM

Greetings,

I'd like to offer my voice in support of licensing for a Brewery in Melrose. I am a lifelong resident of Melrose, having been raised here as well as having raised my own children here. I live but a few blocks from the proposed site for a potential new Brewery.

I fully understand and agree with Melrose's long-standing policies of keeping tight restrictions on liquor licenses. I support the rationale behind remaining a "dry" town with strict limits on establishments serving alcohol. Melrose is a family first community, and should remain that way. That said, there should be a Brewery in Melrose.

A Brewery is not a restaurant, nor is it a bar. Breweries are unique social spaces established by local entrepreneurs and characterized by local craftsmanship and community ethos. Aside of offering locally sourced manufacturing of craft beer, breweries feature local artists, local musicians, and sometimes diverse local food selections within its walls. Breweries are establishments that enhance the local community as well as the local economy.

Melrose has always had a strong sense of community with responsible citizens who possess a strong social ethic. Melrose deserves to have its own brewery. Please approve a license for this special category of business.

Best,
Garrick Gauch
18 Boston Rock Road
Melrose
garrick.gauch@gmail.com

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From: [Edgerton Coble](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery License
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:40:47 PM

Greetings,

I'd like to offer my voice in support of licensing for a brewery in Melrose. As a twenty year resident of Melrose, I have seen the evolution regarding our relationship with alcohol - one that I see as positive - from dry, to only in restaurants of a certain seating capacity, and finally to a few select stores offering a wide range of spirits.

The current brewery options are a short drive from Melrose, but are either in industrial parks, such as Night Shift and Idle Hands, or off the beaten path like Lord Hobo. Instead of those dollars remaining in the city, residents choose to drive elsewhere for a brewery experience. That would change with that option in our downtown. A brewery would enhance the visitor' downtown with a wider array of options than what we currently offer.

Please approve a license for this special category of business. It will be a welcomed addition to our town.

Best,

Edgerton Coble

22 Hillside Avenue

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From: [Kristina Hanlon](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:09:00 PM

Hello,

I am emailing in disfavor of the proposed brewery. I don't know if it makes a difference, but I don't see this helping the town at all. There are plenty of breweries in surrounding towns that have that "vibe". Plus as a resident of the proposed neighborhood, we have enough trouble with parking and people speeding/driving dangerously. The last thing we need is a brewery at the end of our road. Especially since our town doesn't enforce drunk driving. Thanks,

Kristina Hanlon

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From: [Perry Jacobs](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Considering a Melrose Brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:13:35 PM

To whom it may Concern,

My wife and I moved to Melrose in 2019, and have been thrilled with our decision ever since. The community has been so welcoming to us and our young children, and we are proud of where we live.

We are always looking for activities and we regularly find ourselves traveling to neighboring town to spend our money. Like many other families these days, we often visit breweries for a high quality drink in a family friendly environment. Hearing that a brewery may be considered in Melrose is an exciting opportunity.

It does not take long for anyone to recognize the business opportunities in Melrose. There are countless storefronts and lots in and around downtown that are ripe with potential. Breweries or other businesses that may be blocked by Melrose's restrictions can generate revenue for the city and make Melrose an even more desirable location. Over the last 20 years, I have seen a boom of high quality bars and restaurants that serve high quality food and drinks in an environment where many families would enjoy. With the region's strong sports culture and success, Melrose could support multiple locations that are a destination to watch a bruins, celtics, red sox, or patriots game with your kids.

Please accept my message as a Melrose resident that is speaking on behalf of my family and many of my other fellow Melrosians. I know this perspective is not new or unique. Personally, I am not educated on the history and rationale of Melrose's restrictions. What I do know is that I regularly travel to Lynnfield, Woburn, Wakefield, or Saugus to meet with other Melrose families to spend money, and come back home. We would much prefer to avoid the car/road and walk to a Melrose establishment.

Thank you!

Perry Jacobs
114 Mount Vernon ave

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From: [Tom Catalini](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Endorsing Farmer Series Pouring Permits for Melrose's Future
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 5:49:23 PM

Dear Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission,

I am writing to express my full support for the Farmer Series Pouring Permits proposed by Mayor Paul Brodeur. As a resident of Melrose for over 24 years, where my wife and I have raised our three children and been actively engaged in various community endeavors, I see this initiative as a pivotal step towards enhancing our city's economic and social landscape.

The introduction of breweries in Melrose represents a unique opportunity to augment our community's vibrancy and appeal. Drawing from the success of similar establishments across Massachusetts, a local brewery in Melrose could serve as a magnet for visitors, significantly benefiting our local businesses and adding to the city's tax revenue.

Through my family's active involvement in Melrose, including participation in local schools and community events, I have witnessed the positive impact of thoughtful development and community-centric initiatives. The Farmer Series Pouring Permits offer just such a prospect – fostering economic diversity while creating a welcoming space that enhances the quality of life for our residents.

I commend the City Council and Planning Board for their strategic planning and urge the Liquor Licensing Commission to adopt the necessary regulations for these permits. This move will not only diversify our business inventory but also enrich the communal experiences available to our residents.

In endorsing this proposal, I am confident in its potential to stimulate economic growth and contribute to Melrose's vibrant community spirit. I look forward to seeing how these changes positively shape our city's future.

Thank you for considering this significant proposal.

Warm regards,

Tom Catalini

Resident and Co-Host of the Award-Winning MMTV Show, Let's Talk Melrose,
Melrose

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From: [Matt Dugan](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Cc: [Stewart, Robert](#)
Subject: Farmer Series Licensing Approval
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 5:21:55 PM

Members of the Melrose Liquor Commission,

My wife and I are 20+ year residents of Melrose. We've raised our two children in Melrose where they have attended Melrose public schools. Our family is highly involved in the community and volunteer extensively across numerous organizations that focus on making Melrose a better place to live for us all.

I'm writing today to provide my full support of Mayor Brodeur's Farmer Series Licensing proposal **in its entirety**.

Our City will benefit from including this new business class in town. It will help to make Melrose a destination spot bringing in additional revenue to our community. It will further help make our City more vibrant and keep money in town that currently goes to Grimsby's and the Town of Stoneham.

Please approve Mayor Brodeur's proposal.

Sincerely,

Matt Dugan
Ward 3 Resident
58 Crescent Ave.
Melrose, MA 02176
617-590-3282

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From: [O. Cerf](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: In favor of allowing breweries in town!
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:00:47 PM

Hello Liquor Licensing Commission!

I'm writing in favor of allowing breweries to operate in Melrose. The popularity and peacefulness of the last 2 events at the Beebe Estate where breweries operated in that park showed that the town is eager for a family-friendly gathering place that serves beer and snacks.

Thank you for your consideration!

Olivia Cerf

162 Upham St, Melrose

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From: [Kevin Reddall](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Liquor law change
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 5:28:28 PM

To whom it may concern,

My family moved to Melrose in 2011. We have two kids involved in the school system, sports, theater, and follow your art. We love living here due to all it has to offer. However, having a brewery in Melrose would enhance the community even more. Please consider allowing one to open.

Breweries are continuing to expand in the surrounding communities of Massachusetts. They offer a unique, fun, and locally-specific experience. Throughout our social network of extended family and friends, gifts are often exchanged with breweries' specialty beers, t-shirts, hats, and other assorted accoutrement that you can't get anywhere else. When we visit other cities, we usually incorporate finding a brewery and bring back a part of the unique nature of that specific area.

While we don't want Melrose to become a "party town" and appreciate the town's history of restraint, we also would like to see it grow to have a downtown that's even more worth visiting. As of right now, downtown Main Street is a dead-zone after 9pm, Sunday through Thursday. This phenomenon hurts every restaurant owner, including their staff, as well as other local businesses (e.g. gas stations and convenience stores). Please loosen the restrictions and vicarious effects on the city's businesses by allowing a local brewery to become a part of our already great community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Kevin Reddall
27 East Foster Street
Melrose, MA 02176
ksreddall@gmail.com

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From: [Tim Ko.](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Melrose Brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:32:11 AM

Hello,

My family moved to Melrose in 2011. We have three kids in the school system, plus church and sports and absolutely love this gem of a walking city.

Please consider allowing a Brewery to open in Melrose.

Breweries are continuing to expand in Mass., plus other states, and offer a unique, fun, localized experience. In our extended family, common gifts are exchanged with different breweries' special beers and t-shirts, hats etc., that "you can't get anywhere else". When my peers and I visit other places, we focus on finding a brewery and bringing back that unique vibe of that specific area. They're great!

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Thank you for your time,

Timothy Kochanski
135 Mount Vernon Ave
Melrose, MA 02176
thealmightybuck@gmail.com

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"I know it's only Rock n' Roll... but I like it."

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From: [Melissa Rinaldi](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Mike Snow's liquor license
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:56:29 PM

Hi -

I am hoping to add support to this committee on behalf of Mike Snow's application for licensing or permission for his brewery.

We've lived in Melrose since 2008 at 140 Mount Vernon Ave.

It's been nice to see new businesses be added to our vibrant downtown since we moved here. The addition of a brewery business model would add a welcome new twist to our sometimes mundane mix of existing and new retail options. I would also argue a brewery could as a new destination could really boost surrounding Melrose business traffic as well.

Everyone I've spoken to about Mike's idea in Melrose is enthusiastically positive.

I'm not sure what the big concern is but I doubt there's been any delirious effects after beer and later liquor were added to retail options in Melrose. I live very close to the downtown area and I certainly have not heard of anything or noticed anything bad.

On a personal note, Mike Snow has a track record as a successful businessman. His leadership for Boston Calling, and other endeavors he's been involved with, have been a huge successes. Everyone who knows Mike understands he does things with excellence and compassion. His love of Melrose and dedication to his community, in my eyes, leave little doubt t moving forward with this project will nothing huge success and win for Melrose.

Kindest regards, Melissa Rinaldi

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From: [Ned Rhineland](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Re: email in support of brewery license
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:50:26 PM

btw, i forgot to sign this:

Ned Rhineland
223 West Emerson

On Sun, Dec 3, 2023 at 4:49 PM Ned Rhineland <ned.rhineland@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi - I have been a Melrose resident for 23 years, daughter born here and just graduated from MHS.

I want to register my support for allowing Breweries in Melrose - I think it's an amazing industry and with correct governance , Melrose would benefit socially and financially from it.

Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.

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From: [Ben Butterworth](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support Allowing Breweries to Operate
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:27:33 AM

Dear Liquor Licensing Commission Members,

My name is Ben Butterworth and I'm a resident of Melrose. I'm writing in support of the mayor's request to allow breweries to operate in Melrose. I think the small brewery proposed on Main Street would be a welcome addition to the community and provide a centrally located, casual gathering spot for socializing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Ben

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Ben Butterworth

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From: [Erin Grannemann](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support Breweries!
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:22:34 AM

Hi!

I live at 60 Garfield Rd and I just wanted to write to express my support for the mayor's request to allow breweries in Melrose.

My husband and I have two little girls and we moved here from Cambridge a year and a half ago. We're always looking for ways to meet other families in town, support local businesses, and of course, get out and have some fun. This is just the kind of thing we've been hoping would come to town!

Thanks!

Erin Grannemann

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From: [Paula Murphy](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support for brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:48:52 PM

Good evening,

As a decade-long Melrose resident, I am strongly in support of establishing a brewery to allow for more local downtown options for food, drink and socializing. A walkable option to bring in revenue for our city should be welcomed!

Thanks,

Paula Murphy

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From: [Erik Doetsch](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support for Mike Snow Brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 2:41:22 PM

My family moved to Melrose in 2008. My wife and 2 kids love this quiet city.

Please consider allowing the Brewery to open in Melrose.

Breweries are continuing to expand in Massachusetts and will keep revenue from going out of city. They tend to be family friendly and this one should be too. It would be exciting to welcome a local brewery to our community.

Erik Doetsch

140 Mt Vernon Ave Melrose

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From: [John Abdulla](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support for the brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:44:43 AM

Hello,

My name is John Abdulla and I'm a Melrose resident. I wanted to reach out to express my support for the mayor's request to allow breweries in Melrose.

I think this would be a great addition to our community.

Thank you!

John

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From: [Scott Grannemann](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support Mayor's Request for a Brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:22:14 AM

I wanted to voice my strong support for the Mayor's plan to allow a brewery in Melrose. I hope the commission allows the request. Thank you

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From: [brendan.murphy](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Support of Brewery In Melrose
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:42:41 PM

Hello, As a Melrose resident I would to express my strongest support for the proposed brewery.

Please, please make this happen!

Thanks,
Brendan Murphy
Melrose Resident

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From: [Alisa Grubbs](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Vote yes to the Melrose Brewery
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:15:16 PM

I am writing in support of a brewery to be in Melrose. I believe that additional commercial business will only benefit our highly residential community and tax base and continue to make Melrose a destination.

I know that many of our residents go out of town to breweries and Melrose is losing out on that business. I am in support of keeping the business local.

Please vote to approve the brewery at your next meeting.

Alisa Grubbs

36 Lynde St, Melrose, MA 02176

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From: [Mike McCarthy](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 1:22:45 PM

Hi:

I wanted to write in to show my support to have breweries as a new business space in Melrose. I've been a Melrose resident for 8 years now, and I think this would be a great addition to an already great city.

Best,
Mike McCarthy
165 east foster street

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From: [Cal Finocchiaro](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Subject: Melrose Brewery
Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 11:43:50 AM

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the incoming brewery to Melrose and supporting the liquor licensure.

Melrose has come a long way over the last 20-30 years in respect to the new creative businesses and the thriving downtown. A brewery, making craft beer and reinventing and refurbishing an older commercial space, is a step in the right direction.

There have been comments made regarding the food offerings at the brewery. This should be a non-issue as it's not a new idea. There are hundreds of breweries that operate like this. Food trucks and BYOF is the way most breweries operate and works well for the customers. In addition, local restaurants and food trucks will benefit from the brewery as patrons will order food from them. Hannah's brewery will not be completely food-free. They will offer pre-packaged snacks such as pretzels, popcorn and specialty nuts.

Please consider moving forward approving the liquor license for Hannah's Brewery

Thank you,
Cal Finocchiaro

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From: [Paul Johnson](#)
To: [Licensing, Liquor](#)
Cc: [*Mayor Brodeur](#); [Stewart, Robert](#); [Foote, Kristin](#)
Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Brewery in Melrose
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023 4:24:15 PM

Dear Members of the Licensing Commission,

We are writing to express my concerns regarding adopting a New License Farmer Series Pouring Permit (M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C) for the proposed establishment of a brewery in Melrose.

While we understand and appreciate the importance of supporting local businesses and their crucial role in stimulating our local economy, introducing a brewery could significantly alter the character of our community. Melrose is renowned for its quiet, residential ambiance - a characteristic that many residents, including myself, deeply cherish.

The potential introduction of a business such as a brewery may disrupt the charm and appeal of our town. More importantly, it could affect property values and disrupt the sense of community that makes Melrose such a special place to live. We are not merely concerned about the physical transformation of our town but also the preservation of the essence of what makes Melrose, Melrose.

We would like each one of you to consider these potential impacts carefully. While economic development is essential, it should not come at the expense of homeowners who believe in the character and spirit of our community.

We look forward to your thoughtful consideration of these concerns. Thank you for your time and unwavering commitment to preserving the quality of life in Melrose.

Sincerely,

Paul & Kathy Johnson
45 Cleveland St
Melrose, MA 02176
(781) 307-5567

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