

Memo



To: Board of Selectmen
From: Don Garcia, EDC Chairman
Date: February 19, 2014
Re: Liquor License Warrant Articles

As you know, the Town of Hudson has been engaging in many discussions around the issue of additional liquor licenses for Highland Commons and/or the Town at-large. The EDC has had many in-depth conversations, evaluating the various scenarios under which the Town might proceed, and considering potential pros and cons of such a pursuit.

As mentioned in Sunday's Worcester Telegram & Gazette article, the "economic engine" that is Hudson is mirroring the growth in the Metrowest area as a whole. The reason the Metrowest region is able to attract larger corporations is due to the investment in quality-of-life amenities such as housing complexes, retail and restaurant destinations - making the area a place to live, work and play.

We believe that additional liquor licenses will only stimulate growth in Hudson's economy, therefore increasing the potential customer base for all of our businesses, as well as providing additional tax & licensing revenue to the Town. We are pleased that Hudson is becoming a destination area. If we want businesses to succeed in town, we need to have the tools to help them do so.

After evaluating the results of the public forums and conducting further discussions with the business community, the EDC is in full support of the two liquor license warrant articles, and would like to sign on as an additional sponsor of the articles.