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Joshua Lee Smith Quoted in Worcester Telegram's "Worcester OKs 2 pot shops, on Southbridge St., Millbrook St."

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The Worcester Planning Board has granted two more permits for adult-use marijuana retail stores, which brings the number to 9 of the 15 that will be permitted.

One of the two stores will be the first one in Worcester's general downtown area. Here are excerpts from the article:

Joshua Lee Smith, a local lawyer representing both companies, said Nature's Remedy will operate its store in a two-story commercial building.

He said the store will be on the first floor, while the company is considering using the second-floor space for office or storage areas. He added that improvements are planned to the building's façade and windows.

Mr. Smith said the site is surrounded by a mix of businesses, including other retailers and restaurants. As a result, he said the business should operate in harmony with the surrounding uses.

Because the property is located in a BG-6 zone, it does not have to meet any minimum off-street parking requirements.

Mr. Smith said there is "ample parking" for customers. He said there is plenty of on-street parking along Southbridge Street and in other parking lots in that part of the downtown.

Meanwhile, Suns Mass II, a subsidiary of Harvest Inc., wants to open a storefront in a two-story building at 56 Millbrook St. that was long used as an automotive repair and auto body garage.

Mr. Smith said the company will reconfigure and expand the parking lot on the property to 23 spaces.

Continue reading "[Worcester OKs 2 pot shops, on Southbridge St., Millbrook St.](#)" on the *Worcester Telegram* website.