

December 30, 2021

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding the proposed local law #1 of 2021: LOCAL LAW PURSUANT TO CANNABIS LAW SECTION 131 OPTING OUT OF LICENSING AND ESTABLISHING RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, subject to Permissive Referendum, on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 6:30 pm at Pioneer Hall. The audio teleconference format was in use as well for those who wished to observe in that way. Appropriate notice of this hearing was published in the official newspaper, the Catskill Daily Mail, on 12/24/2021. Full audio file and unedited text transcription of tonight's meeting are available upon request.

Those present on-site: Supervisor Macko, Councilmen Bear, Rauf and Richards, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh, Planning Board Chair Don Teator, as well as five guests.

Those present via teleconference: Attorney Tal Rappleyea and resident Ms. Anita Zibura.

Absent: Councilman Bensen.

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bear moved to open this hearing at 6:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Rauf. Carried 4 ayes

Supervisor Macko explained that the purpose of this hearing was to decide if Greenville wanted to be a part of cannabis dispensing and consumption in the town. If we decide not to act, the state assumes we've said yes, and we can't then get out of it. If we opt-out, we can always opt back in. But if we do nothing, and opt-in at this time, we are not able to later back out of this decision.

Supervisor Macko asked for any public comments or questions at 6:32 pm; Ms. Anita Zibura clarified if we opted out, can we opt in at a later time. Mr. Macko confirmed that, and noted we would have to amend our zoning law as well. Also, that it is not just related to dispensaries, where to sell, but if we will allow pubs/lounges/social use. His concern is that smoking marijuana in the parks, skateboard parks, etc. will become a problem. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh noted we already had a law on the books banning any smoking on all town owned properties. Ms. Zibura wondered if this would impact Senator Hinchey's proposed legislation related to industrialized hemp; Attorney Rappleyea noted they were completely separate issues. Legislator Davis added that all states with legalized marijuana have seen increased deaths due to impaired drivers. Supervisor Macko stated that several residents have called him and urged him to not give up on the potential revenue. Councilman Rauf noted that the distribution of revenue is very cruel to towns; if a successful business sold \$1,000,000 of product, which would bring \$30,000 of tax revenue to the town. Stated his opinion was that we should opt out tonight and give the local residents a chance to referendum the issue, if that is their choice. "Truly it's the only way we as a Board should vote tonight." Legislator Davis stated as a resident, he was against the lounges and heavily questioned if the money made at a dispensary would be worth it to the town. Ms. Christine Mickelsen thinks it a good idea to opt out now, but asks the public be provided with information and education about this issue. Councilman Richards also feels we should opt out now, and allow a referendum to allow the town to speak, "not just the five people sitting here". Councilman Bear reported feeling very concerned, and would also opt out.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Mr. Bear moved to close the public hearing at 6:45 pm, seconded by Mr. Rauf. Carried 4 ayes

Mr. Rauf moved have the Town of Greenville opt out of both local cannabis retail dispensaries and onsite consumption sites, seconded by Mr. Bear; resolution attached. Roll call requested:

Supervisor Macko	aye
Councilman Bear	aye
Councilman Bensen	absent
Councilman Rauf	aye
Councilman Richards	aye; Carried 4 ayes; 1 absent

There being no further business, Mr. Rauf moved to adjourn at 6:48 pm, seconded by Mr. Bensen. Carried 4 ayes

Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. RAUF

MR. RICHARDS