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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

REGARDING LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2021 "OPT-OUT OF LICENSURE FOR ON-SITE
CANNABIS CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE VILLAGE PURSUANT TO MRTA AND
CANNABIS LAW SECTION 131"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

6:30 P.M.

EDWARD SIM
DEPUTY MAYOR

PATTY SCHWARZ LOCKART
TRUSTEE

JAMES M. RUBINO
TRUSTEE
ART WHITE
TRUSTEE

JAMIE BLOT
CLERK

Mayor Tobin opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk Blot read the advertisement aloud as it appeared in the newspaper.

Clerk Blot read aloud correspondence from resident Janice Potter, who is opposed to sale and use of cannabis consumption on any premises.

Attorney Ben Neidl gave a brief background on the law which was passed on March 31, 2021, allowing possession and consumption of cannabis for recreation use to be considered legal in New York State. He also stated that there are two types of retail licensed establishments to consider, one for on-site consumption and one for distribution. He also noted that there will be a cannabis control board to oversee the operation, much like the State Liquor Authority. Attorney Neidl stated that the Village of Colonie has proposed in Local Law #2 to opt-out of allowing businesses to establish on-site consumption facilities. He compared an on-site consumption facility to that of a bar, where customers would be able to consume cannabis at the location. Attorney Neidl stated that local option can opt-out of on-site consumption and/or distribution, but has to do so by December 31, 2021, or it will automatically be allowed. He also noted that we can opt-out now, and decide to opt-in at a later date, but if we don't opt-out by December 31, 2021, we can not opt-out after that date. Attorney Neidl also stated that this Local Law is subject to permissive referendum and gave a brief description.

Resident George Lashoff was present and stated that he was in favor of the opting-out of the on-site consumption.

Attorney Neidl stated that there is much to be done by the cannabis control board and we most likely won't see operational establishments until late 2022 or even early 2023.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Sim to leave the public comment period open until our next board meeting, scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021.

Motion seconded by Trustee White.

VOTE: Trustee Lockart Yes

Trustee Rubino	Yes
Trustee White	Yes
Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
Mayor Tobin	Yes

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Lockart to adjourn the public hearing.
Motion seconded by Trustee White.

VOTE:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee White	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Yes

Motion passed.

Public hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk
Village of Colonie