

December 21, 2021

Supervisor Dennis Mahus called the Special meeting of the North Dansville Town Board to order at 06:00 PM. Roll was taken and found Councilperson Horr, Infantino, Bacon and Luce present. Highway Superintendent MacWhorter was also in attendance. Guest: Donald Hamler, Charles Perkins and Lori Tyler (Town Clerk Elect).

Pledge to the flag

Supervisor Mahus informed the board that the purpose of the special meeting was to conduct a public hearing on a proposed Local Law TO OPT OUT OF CANNIBIS ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSERIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION SITES AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4.

Supervisor Mahus explained that NYS has legalized the sale and consumption of cannabis in New York State and whereas many Towns feel the plans as to how this all will work have yet to be presented. Mahus said that the State has given Towns & Villages the option to opt out of this law with the ability to opt back in if the Town so desires. The opt out law must be filed prior to December 31, 2021 or it will not be valid. After that point there can be no opting out.

Charles Perkins spoke in favor of opting out of the local law. Perkins stated that he had been in law enforcement for over twenty-five years and was not in favor of legalized cannabis and believes it is still a gateway drug.. He also stated that he encountered many people who used all forms of heavy drugs, but never encountered a person that started out on heavy drugs.

Clerk Wolfanger thanked the board for presenting the opt out law until such time as the State gets their act together and has a completed plan to control the sale and dispensing of Cannabis.

Donald Hamler stated that the fact the Town has to pass a law to opt out of the sale of cannabis is a disgrace. When does this all end.

Mahus informed all in attendance that this law is subject to a referendum vote of the residents of the Town of North Dansville (OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE).

Resolution No. 12-1-21: A LOCAL LAW TO OPT OUT OF ALLOWING CANNIBUS RETAIL DISPENSERIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION SITES AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4

Motion by: Councilman Horr

Second by: Councilman Infantino

Whereas, the North Dansville Town Board has been presented with an opt-out resolution to adopt, and

Whereas, the Town authored a local law, (Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021), and

Whereas, a public hearing was held December 21,2021 with the public being allowed to speak on the proposed Local Law, and

Whereas, the public present at the meeting spoke in favor of the proposed Local Law, now therefore be it

Resolved, with the passage of this Resolution the North Dansville Town Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021, and further

Resolved, Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 will be in effect upon filing with NYS Secretary of State (Department of State).

Roll Call vote: AYES: Councilman(s) Horr, Infantino, Bacon, Luce, and Supervisor Mahus.

NOES: None Motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion by Councilperson Horr and a second by Councilperson Infantino to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 06:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Timothy R Wolfanger
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

