

**Planning Board Minutes
October 21, 2021**

Planning Board Members Present, Steve Lester, Daniel Compton, Julie Pellett, Matt Rogers, Michael Woodruff, Fred Fink, Michael Donohoe **Absent**:

Others Present, Kimberly Rayburn (Secretary), James Kier (Building & Zoning)

Lester opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

I. Cannabis Discussion:

Lester informed the Board that he went to a presentation put on by the Town and Village of Naples. He stated that the Town opted out of allowing dispensaries and onsite consumption locations. The Village stated they need more time to make a decision. Woodruff stated that he feels it will be a mistake to opt out and lose the 4% tax revenue from the possible addition of businesses. He stated that the people that smoke will still smoke and feels there will not be any more of an impact that there currently is. They just won't be able to purchase from a business within our Town, but they can grow it and bring it back here. He feels we would only be hurting ourselves. Compton does not like the idea of having dispensaries in the Town. Rayburn and Kier stated they believe the Village will not be opting out and will allow the dispensaries in the Village and taking advantage of more business and tax dollars.

Lester stated that the city of Canandaigua decided to allow the retail business. Lester stated that everyone is in until they opt out. The deadline is by the end of the year.

Rayburn stated that she believes once you opt out it will be harder to then choose to allow these businesses. She believes it must be done by a permissive referendum. A brief discussion was held.

A discussion was held on the licenses a person would have to obtain in order to sell cannabis in a retail establishment. There are seven (7) different licenses available. Kier and Lester stated that they learned at a presentation given at a recent Town Board meeting that you cannot sell cannabis at the same location that alcohol is purchased.

Lester asked the Board what they thought of the idea of asking the Town Board (TB) if they would like the Planning Board to hold a public hearing to gain the public opinion on opting out before the TB makes a decision. Lester will ask the TB what their thoughts are at their next meeting.

The list for future discussion will be as follows:

1. Continued review of the Comprehensive Plan's suggested updates for zoning districts changes
2. 5 G placement of antenna's
3. Battery Storage
4. Further cannabis discussion

II. Minutes

Minutes of July 15, 2021

Woodruff motioned and Donohoe seconded the motion to approve the minutes 7/15/2021

All board members present at the 7/15/2021 meeting voted aye. Fink, Rogers and Woodruff abstained; vote was carried.

Minutes of August 5, 2021

Donohoe made a motion and Rogers seconded the motion to approve the minutes 8/5/2021

All board members present at the 8/5/2021 meeting voted aye. Pellett, Rogers and Donohoe abstained; vote was carried.

Minutes of September 2, 2021

Compton made a motion and Pellett seconded the motion to approve the minutes 9/02/2021

All board members present at the 9/02/2021 meeting voted aye. Woodruff and Fink abstained; vote was carried.

III. Meeting Adjourned

Fink motioned and Donohoe seconded to adjourn @ 9:00 pm.

All Board members present voted Aye, with the exception of Compton. Vote was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Rayburn
Planning & Zoning Board Secretary