

Planning Board Minutes – August 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman George Dowse was held in the Town meeting room at 56 Geneva St, Dresden NY.

Present: George Dowse, Robert Miller, Michael Warner

Excused: Ellen Campbell, Floyd Hoover

Others Present: Gary McIntee

Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bob, Second by Mike to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting with one typographical correction. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Old Business: Discussion on development of a New Cannabis Local Law as a result of the legalization of Cannabis sales and consumption in NYS.

A local law is required since the town of Torrey did not “opt out” from allowing Cannabis sales and dispensing facilities, or Cannabis On-site consumption facilities.

George brought copies of local laws related to cannabis from the town of Milo, the village of Dundee, and a draft of the Village of Penn Yan’s local law that is in development.

We read through the three laws and discussed their similarities and differences.

Bob liked Milo’s “definition” section and commented that Penn Yan and Milo only allow sales dispensing facilities on the first-floor story of any building. We weren’t sure why, perhaps a carryover from some old alcohol sales requirements.

There was further discussion about other areas of the laws, including:

- a. Requirement that all products be approved in accordance with applicable laws of NYS.
- b. Proof of licensing by NYS
- c. Location restrictions near schools, day care, places of worship, parks, residential dwellings, etc.
- d. Exclusion of cannabis from facilities selling alcohol. (this may be a state requirement)
- e. Zoning district restrictions. It was noted that the village of Dresden “opted out” and will not be allowing any cannabis facilities. Therefore we looked at the zoning map and the districts we felt would be appropriate to allow cannabis are:
 - I. Zone CC (community center) on the west side of the Rt 14 just north of the Rt 54 intersection
 - II. Zone I (industrial) .

Cannabis Sales or Consumption Facilities would be prohibited in AG, AG/Res, and Recreational zoning districts. If an exception were made along Rt 14 corridor, we may want to include location restrictions regarding distances to residential parcels, etc.

George agreed to put a first draft together based on our review of the three laws which he will send to the planning board members for comments and corrections prior to our next meeting in September.

George mentioned that a SEQR may have to be completed, and possibly an EAF as part of the process. He will discuss this further with Dwight James, the code enforcement officer.

End of cannabis discussion.

George mentioned the email Betty Daggett sent on 8/8 regarding the upcoming September 28th "2022 Planning and Zoning School" training session conducted by the NYS Association of Towns in Canandaigua. The training will satisfy the annual training requirements, and the town will pay the registration fee for planning board members. Just fill out the registration form and drop it off with Betty if you want to attend.

No further business, a motion to adjourn by Bob, 2nd by Mike, carried at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,