

Planning Board Minutes – November 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM by Chairman George Dowse was held in the Town meeting room at 56 Geneva St, Dresden NY.

Present: Ellen Campbell, George Dowse, Floyd Hoover, Robert Miller, Michael Warner

Others Present: Gary McIntee

Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ellen, second by Mike to approve the minutes of the Oct 17, 2022 meeting.
Motion carried. . Bob Miller abstained.

New Business: None

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

Members discussed information presented by Philip Rumsey from the NYS Office of Cannabis Management during the November 3rd Local Government Workshop that several planning board members attended. Ellen mentioned that she had requested a copy of Mr. Rumsey's PowerPoint presentation and will forward when received.

Further discussion regarding where to allow cannabis sales & consumption. The current town zoning for commercial districts is based on spot zoning, which doesn't readily accommodate additional businesses. There was some discussion that the Rt 14 corridor is the most logical area. However, the only districts along Rt 14 are Agricultural (west side), Ag/ Residential (East side), and Community Center districts. A possible overlay district along Rt 14 was discussed.

Gary McIntee mentioned that a Federal judge had recently issued an injunction against implementation of the NYS Cannabis law based upon a lawsuit filed by an out-of-state company, which may delay the issuance of dispensary licenses.

Members then started discussion and review of the Town's short-term rental law 98.127 as requested by the Town Board. A recent NYS Association of towns article on short-term-rentals (STR) provided an informative overview and material for consideration.

Chairman mentioned other local municipalities are also updating their STR regulations. He will email copies of several to the board members for review and discussion at the next planning board meeting.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dowse