

DRAFT - Town of Fowler December 20, 2021, Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes on proposed Local Law #5 of 2021 at 3:00PM.

The Town of Fowler Special Town Board meeting and public hearing for proposed local law 5 of 2021, Cannabis Regulation, was held on the above date with four Board members present, and Councilperson Bishop attending the meeting by phone. Also, present were Town Clerk Tami Gale, and Highway Superintendent Randy Durham.

Supervisor Newvine called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and asked for a motion to open the public hearing on proposed local law #5 of 2021, a local law to Opt Out of allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites as otherwise authorized under article 4 of the Cannabis Law of the State of New York.

At 3:00 PM, a motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons to open the public hearing on proposed local law #5 of 2021. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Newvine reported the proposed local law was drafted by Town Attorney Henry Leader for the purpose of cannabis regulation and for the purpose of requesting that the New York State Cannabis Control Board prohibit the establishment of retail dispensary licenses and/or on-site consumption licenses contained within the jurisdiction of the Town of Fowler. Supervisor Newvine reported the law needed to be adopted by December 31, 2021, or the Town could not opt out in the future.

Supervisor Newvine read pages 1 and 2 of the proposed local law aloud and the board discussed that the law was subject to permissive referendum.

At 3:08PM, with no further questions or comments about the proposed local law, a motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons to close the public hearing to Opt out of the use of cannabis/marijuana retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in the Town of Fowler. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25 of 2021, enacting Local Law #5 of 2021. A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews seconded by Councilperson Simmons. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Clerk Gale reported she would deliver the executed copies of the adopted local law to Town attorney Henry Leader's office the next day and would seek advice from attorney Henry Leader on filing the law on the State's Cannabis website, which is a requirement.

In other business, Supervisor Newvine reported he had discussed the possibility of hiring either Sherry Geer or Phyllis Shaw on an hourly basis as a consultant to the assessing department with Town attorney Henry Leader and had learned this may not be an option.

Highway Superintendent Durham reported the new 2022 Mack Plow truck has been on 3 runs and is working well.

Supervisor Newvine reported he had received a complaint concerning the Sullivan Road, and the center of the Sullivan Road being plowed, but the sides of the road weren't plowed well.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilperson Andrews, seconded by Councilperson Cleveland, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14PM. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tami Gale; Town Clerk