

A Public Hearing on proposed Local Law # 3 of 2021 to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4 was held at 6:45 pm prior to the regular town board meeting.

Supervisor Guzzi gave an overview of the proposed law and opened the hearing to public comment. A member of the public asked if the town had looked at projected sales revenue for the town and Supervisor Guzzi responded that they had not, as not enough information is available to get that right now. Paul Jahns stated the town needs to buy time while NYS gets their end of it organized and Martin Nayowith commented that there needs to be more clarification at the state level. Another member of the public asked about farm production and sales of cannabis from the farm and Deputy Supervisor Yandik said the growing cannabis and hemp is covered under the NYS Ag & Markets laws but selling it retail from the farm would not be allowed although wholesale to other towns could be done. There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:59 pm.

Resolution # 105

Motion to close the public hearing

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to close the public hearing.

Votes: 4 Ayes, 0 No

The regular monthly meeting, of the Town Board of the Town of Livingston, County of Columbia, and the State of New York was held at the town hall, 119 County Route 19, Livingston, NY on the 9th day of December, 2021.

Present:

Supervisor James Guzzi

Deputy Supervisor Will Yandik

Councilperson William Bender

Councilperson Phil Massaro

Absent: Councilperson Thomas Shumsky

Supervisor Guzzi opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag, at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution # 106

Motion to approve the monthly minutes

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to approve the minutes of the November monthly town board meeting.

Votes: 4 Ayes, 0 No

Communications: The Town Clerk received the 2022 Dog Control contract from Pine Plains Veterinary Associates as well as information from the NYS Association of Town for next year.

Supervisor's Report

The following reports were read by Supervisor Guzzi:

Town Supervisor

Town Clerk- Total local shares remitted to town of \$4,134.68 for November

Highway- Cleaned leaves in drainage area put shoulders on Meiner Rd and Half Circle Rd, finished the new parking area and fence at the Rec Park, all the trucks are ready for winter

Building Dept- 17 permits, 0 C/O, 4 Abstract C/O's, 0 Mobile Home. 0 Fire Violations, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Alarm registration, 0 Weddings \$ 3,483.15 month-Total year to date \$45,260.81

Dog Control- no report

Assessor- no report

Supervisor Guzzi read the Livingston Free Library annual report.

Resolution # 107

Motion to approve the monthly reports as read

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to approve the monthly reports as read.

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no

New Business

A pole was broken at the North Twin lakes area and was fixed by the highway dept, Supervisor Guzzi reported

An update to the Rec Park was also given, the park is closed for the season, winterized and the tennis net has been taken down.

The town needs to advertise for a position for the interim assessor clerk, as well as re advertise for the position of town representative to the Columbia County Environmental Council, which has not been filled yet.

The year- end meeting is set for 12/31/21 at 9 am at the town hall and the organizational

meeting is set for 1/13/22 at 7 pm prior to the regular monthly Town Board meeting

Resolution # 108

Motion to appoint Ashley Bender as interim assessor clerk for the Town of Livingston

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to appoint Ashley Bender as interim assessor clerk for the Town of Livingston

Votes 3 Ayes, 0 no

1 abstention- Bill Bender

Resolution # 109

Motion to adopt Local Law # 3 of 2021 to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, to adopt Local Law # 3 of 2021 to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no.

Supervisor Guzzi announced that Paul Jahns had been appointed to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board as the representative from Livingston.

Resolution # 110

Motion to reappoint Martin Nayowith to a 7 year term on the Planning Board

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to reappoint Martin Nayowith to a 7 year term on the Planning Board

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no

Resolution # 111

Motion to reappoint Tom Alvarez to a 5 year term on the ZBA

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro, to reappoint Tom Alvarez to a 5 year term on the ZBA

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no

Supervisor Guzzi reported that he, his assistant Donna Campion and Fire Chief Paul Jahns had all attended the Columbia County Emergency Management training on 11/18 at the Fire Training Academy at the Commerce Park.

Due to the death of our CEO/ building inspector, Sam Harkins, the town will need an interim building inspector till a new one can be appointed.

Resolution # 112

Motion to appoint Dennis Callahan as interim CEO/Building Inspector

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Yandik, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to appoint Dennis Callahan as interim CEO/Building Inspector.

Votes 4 Ayes, 0 no

The current Deputy Building Inspector will not be continuing so the Town will need to advertise for a new Deputy CEO/Building Inspector as well.

Committee Reports

Buildings- no report

Senior Citizens Advisory Council- no report

Planning and zoning- no report

Ethics- no report

Highway- as per the supervisor's report

Communications- no report

Office Support- no report

Historian- The historian reported that he had met with a woman in regards to the land conservancy and the indigenous people that had been here, talking about a visitors center to teach about the indigenous version of their time here.

County Environmental Management- no report

Emergency Management- no report

Special Projects- no report

Twin Lakes: no report

Audit Committee:

Resolution # 113

Motion to pay bills

A motion was made by Councilperson Massaro, seconded by Councilperson Bender, to pay the bills as presented.

97-102 Highway

280-304 General

Vote 4 Ayes, 0 No

Public Comment

Fire Chief Jahns asked if the interim building inspector could get access from Columbia County to get Real Property information updates and the Town Clerk will look into getting that for him.

Resolution # 114

Motion to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made by Councilperson Bender, seconded by Councilperson Massaro to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Molinski

Town Clerk