

A special meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag at the Ashford Community Center at 7:30pm with John A. Pfeffer Town Supervisor presiding.

Present: John A. Pfeffer, Supervisor
Angela M. Ghani, Council Deputy Supervisor
William J. Heim, Council
Jean M. Bond, Council
James P. Boberg, Council
Jean I. Kwasnik, Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Max Borsuk (Springville Journal), Kellie Tingue (Prospective Business Owner), John Tingue (Resident), Charles Harrigan (Town Attorney)

A regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United State Flag at the Ashford Community Center at 7:30pm with John A. Pfeffer Town Supervisor presiding.

RESOLUTION 73-2021

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Council Bond seconded by Council Ghani the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
 Nays 0

Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approve the agenda as presented

Supervisor Pfeffer read the notice as it appeared in the Springville Journal.

RESOLUTION 74-2021

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1-2021 TO OPT OUT OF ALLOWING CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION SITES AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4

On motion of Council Heim seconded by Council Boberg the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
 Nays 0

Resolved the public hearing be opened at 7:30pm for the Ashford Town Board consider and take action on Proposed Local Law #1-2021 *to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 4*

Supervisor Pfeffer read the proposed local law in its entirety.

Supervisor asked for comments or questions from those present

- John Tingue inquired whether Opt In was an option at a later time. The Town may opt in at any time
- Kellie Tingue inquired if any new changes have been made to the cannabis law. In favor of opting out

Supervisor asked for comments or questions from the board members

- Council Bond stated its difficult to opt in when (the Town) can't opt out after at that time
- Council Heim stated he will oppose cannabis dispensaries and consumption sites in Ashford.
- Council Boberg stated (the Town Board) needs to opt out as due diligence until NYS has released regulations.

Supervisor asked for comments or questions from the public as a result of comments or questions from the board members

RESOLUTION 75-2021

RESUME SPECIAL MEETING

On motion of Council Boberg seconded by Council Bond the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Pfeffer, Heim, Bond, Boberg, Ghani
 Nays 0

Resolved the public hearing be closed and resume the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ashford.

The Supervisor asked for a Resolution to be made regarding the proposed Cannabis Local Law to determine if the Board was for or against it.

Council Boberg presented the following resolution, seconded by Council Heim

RESOLUTION 76-2021

APPROVE LOCAL LAW #1-2021 TO OPT OUT OF ALLOWING CANNABIS RETAIL DISPENSARIES AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION SITES AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CANNABIS LAW ARTICLE 4

WHEREAS, a draft of the proposed Local Law No.1 of the year 2021 titled: *A Local Law to Opt Out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites as authorized under Cannabis Article 4* was on the desks of the members of the Town Board for more than seven days prior to a special meeting held August 4, 2021, and WHEREAS, a public information meeting regarding the Cannabis Local Law was advertised and held by the Town Board on July 29, 2021 at which no action was taken by the Town Board with respect to said Local Law, and WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting of the Town Board on August 4, 2021 and proposed Local Law was read and the Board thereupon set a date for a public hearing as required, and WHEREAS, the public hearing has just been concluded and all person including the Town Board members having been heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board adopt Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021, *A Local Law to Opt Out of Allowing Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption Sites as authorized under Cannabis Article 4* and that such Local Law be adopted pursuant to a requirement it be subject to a Permissive Referendum

**Special Town Board/Public Hearing
August 18, 2021**

THEREUPON the vote of the Town Board members was taken by ayes and nays and whereas the Resolution was unanimously adopted, with the vote being as follows:

Council James Boberg	Aye
Council Angela Ghani	Aye
Council William Heim	Aye
Council Jean Bond	Aye
Supervisor Pfeffer	Aye

The Town Supervisor then directed that since there were no changes proposed for the Local Law, that the Local Law was presented be attached to the minutes of the meeting and that the said vote be recorded. And further that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to make the necessary arrangements for posting and publishing a concise abstract of the Local Law within ten days from this date as required. The Notice should clearly state that the adoption of the Local Law was subject Permissive Referendum.

The attorney for the Town was directed to advise regarding the posting and publishing requirements and provided a notice to be posted and publishing requirements and provide a Notice to be posted and published and to work with the Town Clerk in regard to legal procedures required to make the Local Law effective.

A motion was made by Bond seconded by Ghani and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 7:43pm. (All aye)

Jean I. Kwasnik—Deputy Town Clerk

Patricia R. Dashnaw—Town Clerk