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Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #2 of 2025, Cannabis Manufacturing, Cultivation and Distribution in the C-2 Zone **7:00 P.M.**

Steve Bederian of 8 Woodland Drive spoke regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing and Distribution. He shared his experience with commercial use of cannabis, including benefits for medical treatment. He said his great nephew has epilepsy and has been treated with cannabis for the past seven years. This young man had gran mal seizures, which not only threatened his life but also has measurable impacts on his brain function every time he had one. Every time he had one, he had less and less activity. Since he has been treated, he has not had a gran mal seizure. He has had petit mal seizures as he still has this disease. He is now having a successful life in high school. This is a treatment that is legally made available and is a cannabis product which is grown commercially. The other experience he said he had is from the state of Maine where cannabis has been a legally available option for many years. Most of the customer base for these products are people who have emotional upset. Think of veterans with PTSD, people who have suicide ideation or depression. These are not easily treated with conventional medication. They either cut the intellect or absolutely destroy the person who is trying to operate in this world. This is a product that has viable uses, and it has been accepted in many parts of the world. He said when he first read the zoning, he read a five-thousand-foot setback. That is a mile in most people's books. He can't imagine there is any property in the town that would have a five-thousand-foot setback from any property line that would meet that. It has been revised to one thousand feet. That is still an excessive setback, especially in the C-2 zone. We are looking at the opportunity at agricultural products if someone where to put in a commercial greenhouse, this is how this product is now grown. They are not pot plants grown in some teenager's bedroom, they are agricultural products grown in commercial greenhouses.

Supervisor Lant asked if there were any more comments. There were none. Councilman O'Connor made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Kolligian seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Regular Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Lant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Deputy Supervisor McEachron who was excused.

John Lant-Supervisor
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman
Ray O’Conor-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria Moran, Comptroller and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #100

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2025 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Public Comment Session

Steve Bederian of 8 Woodland Drive spoke regarding the importance of snow-clearing funds in the budget for the upcoming multi-use paths on Carr and Jones Roads to enable them to be accessible in the winter.

Eagle Scout Proclamation

P r o c l a m a t i o n

COMMENDING SAMUEL LaMERE

UPON ATTAINING EAGLE SCOUT RANK

WHEREAS, Samuel LaMere is a member of the Boy Scout Troop 4024 of Wilton and recently achieved the rare distinction of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout award honors the scout, his family, his troop and his troop leaders; and

WHEREAS, a Boy Scout is required to complete an Eagle Leadership Service project as part of qualifying for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Samuel LaMere planned and led a project to build ten new picnic tables for the Town of Wilton Camp Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, Samuel LaMere set his goal and coordinated volunteers, drafting building plans, procuring materials and supervising construction; and

WHEREAS, Samuel LaMere made sure several of the new picnic tables were ADA compliant and wheelchair accessible for all members of the public; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the unusual dedication and diligence exhibited by **Samuel LaMere** in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Wilton Town Board commends **Samuel LaMere** for his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that the Town Clerk forward a duly inscrolled copy of this Proclamation of Commendation to **Samuel LaMere**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Wilton this 6th of March, 2025.

Extension of the Moratorium

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #101

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for proposed Local Law # 3 of 2025, Extension of the Moratorium on Cannabis Manufacturing, Cultivation and Distribution, at 7:00 p.m. on April 3, 2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Set Public Hearing Amendments to Traffic Mitigation Fees

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #102

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing for proposed Local Law # 4 of 2025, Amendments to Traffic Mitigation Fees at 7:01 p.m. on April 3, 2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Park and Recreation Commission

Ken Bishop with the Park and Rec Commission came to give an update on some of the new members that we have with the Commission, as well as what the results were from our QR code and survey that went out, and then also, what's an update on some of the projects going on. Sarah Bogardus says she is one of the newer members. Since June of last year, we've doubled in size. We're now at full capacity with nine people. One of the main ways we did get some extra interest was through our survey. The survey was to look at the interest of what people wanted in the town of Wilton for recreation. We sent them a survey through the Town of Wilton Facebook group. We sent it to other community groups, recreation groups, we went through a QR code as well as a free text option and we got quite a few responses. Responses were from December of 2024 and in total, there were 236 responses from town residents. Residents were asked to rank the activities that they were most interested in. Overall, biking trails for beginners and intermediates received the most interest, followed by pickleball. The free text response option included around 115 responses pertaining to the Jones Road project and bikeable, walkable, safe pathways, 11

references to a pool, four to a dog park, three to roller hockey, three to tennis and the remainder were variable responses.

So really what we found from some of these results is a lot of what the focus has been on the town putting trails in and connecting a lot of the areas of the town together. A big part of our focus at the beginning was to find places such as Forest Grove, where there are a lot of trails that are going in over there, they're paved and non-paved. Some of the things that we might be able to do north of Forest Grove where the area is where there are no homes. We are trying to explore those options, as well as the thirty-four acres that are within Forest Grove.

An update on some of the projects we have on the books. We started thinking about looking for property within the town, away from Gavin Park. The first one is a small piece of property that's up on Northern Pines Road, right next to the veterans housing. We visited it a couple of times, and it's a beautiful little spot and the town got involved. I want to thank the town board for supporting this project. The idea is to put in a fishing pier there with a spot for a smaller parking lot. There will be a six-foot-wide pathway taking it back to the fishing pier, which is right along the Snook Kill, a stocked stream. There'll be a walking path that will go down and around the whole wetland area. It will be done very sensitively and environmentally. We think it's going to happen this calendar year, 2025. We are hoping some of the veterans and town residents will get a chance to use it.

Ken Bishop stated that we appreciate your time very much. You will probably see some of us on a quarterly basis as we get some of the other members here that you have not been introduced to, and other projects as they go on. Councilman O'Connor voiced his appreciation from the Town Board for the efforts of the Park and Recreation Commission in improving and enhancing recreation opportunities for the residents of the town.

Camp Saratoga Delegan Pond Fishing Program

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #103

Camp Saratoga Delegan Pond, Scout Pond, Fishing Program

The Town of Wilton Town Board, owners of property known as Camp Saratoga will stock Scout Pond for resident fishing.

1. The stocking program is for the **Town of Wilton Residents** only.
2. April 1st to October 15th, will be reserved for fishing by Town of Wilton disabled residents and **youths aged 16 or under** and may be

assisted by an immediate adult family member.

3. Fishing limit is 2 fish per day.
4. **No** live bait is allowed (worms and lures permitted).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Annual Ethics Training Date

Discussion was held regarding the date of the Annual Ethics Training. The training will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Addition of Use in the C-1 Zone

Will Borchers, presented a proposal to add three additional uses to a 20-acre parcel of land in Wilton on Old Gick Road that is currently under C1 zoning which is focused on retail and shopping center uses. The additional C2 uses would allow for the creation of a Flex Park style warehouse facility. The three uses that would need to be added to accomplish such a project are warehousing and distribution, self-service storage facilities and assembly, fabricating or packaging of products. A Flex Park is a series of warehouses divided into small spaces for use by small contractors and similar businesses.

A traffic study was done to find the best entrance and exit to the property and was found to be off Old Gick Rd. Mr. Borchers continued to show slides of the area and pointed out shopping areas, small businesses and storage areas that currently are developed on Route 50 and Old Gick Rd. Supervisor Lant questioned if the residents of Pyramid Pines park had been informed of his plans and what their feelings were. He stated that he has not spoken with these residents, yet but would be willing to do so.

He feels that the location on Old Gick Rd. is a good area to add a warehouse area. Also, he states that the traffic study shows that his project would add significantly less traffic than if this land were developed as a retail center. Councilman Bogardus states he felt that Old Gick Rd. could not handle the additional traffic, especially in the afternoon commute. The question came up as what type of warehousing is being proposed, and Mr. Borchers was unable to say. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if the State had seen his traffic study because Route 50 is a state road, and traffic would be increased onto Route 50 from both ends of Old Gick Rd. Questions regarding truck traffic were raised by Councilman O'Conor. The Board feels that this is not specific enough plans of use and there needs to be a much more detailed plan with specifics before considering any changes. There are 2 large residential neighborhoods as well as a family YMCA that would be directly affected by additional traffic, truck traffic, noise, etc.

With very specific details and plans for use, the Board agreed to revisit his proposals in the future.

Louden Road/Bog Meadow Culvert Rehab Project Agreement

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #104

Authorizing the implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of a transportation project, of which qualified costs may be reimbursed from Bridge NY funds.

WHEREAS, a project for the Bridge NY Loudon Road over Bog Meadow Brook, T/O Wilton Saratoga County - P.I.N. 1763.00 / D041611 (the "Project") is eligible for reimbursement of qualified costs from Bridge NY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of 100% Bridge NY funds and 0% non-Bridge NY funds; and

WHEREAS, Town of Wilton will design, let, and administer all phases of the Project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of Design, Right of Way and Construction work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Town Board hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Wilton to pay 100% of the cost of costs of Design, Right of Way and Construction work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from Bridge NY funding; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$891,000.00 (Eight Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) is hereby appropriated from 200-511.200.599.200, Highway Fund, Permanent Improvements and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town BOARD hereby agrees that the Town of Wilton shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the Town of Wilton and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Wilton Town Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification to the Town of Wilton thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town BOARD hereby agrees that Town of Wilton hereby commits that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Wilton be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for State Aid and/or Bridge NY funding on behalf of the Town of Wilton in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's funding of the Project costs, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Wilton will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Contract for Administrator-Louden Road Culvert Project

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #105

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract between the Town of Wilton and Fred Mastrianni as Administrator of the Loudon Road Culvert Project.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

MS-4 Stormwater Report

Mr. Riper stated the MS-4 Stormwater Report has been completed and is on the website.

2024 Planning Development Report

Mr. Riper said the 2024 Planning Development Report is completed and available on the website and for anyone who requests a copy.

2025 Contract for Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #106

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 contract between the

Town of Wilton and Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Contract with Troy and Banks

Maria Moran, Comptroller said she would like an audit of the franchise agreement with our cable service company Charter to ensure we are receiving the best rate.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #107

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract between the Town of Wilton and Troy and Banks for audit services.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Summer Camp Discount for Children of Town of Wilton Employees and Volunteer Boards

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #108

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a 50% discount for children of Town of Wilton Employees and Town of Wilton Volunteer Boards to attend Summer Camp at Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilman Bogardus who recused himself. The motion passed 3-0.

Intermunicipal Agreement Between SSCSD and Town of Wilton

Ms. Moran stated there has always been a verbal agreement with the Saratoga Springs City School District for assessment litigation. She said it should be a written agreement.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #109

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the contract between the Town of Wilton and the Saratoga Springs City School District.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports

The Town Clerk noted a thank you card was received from the Provost family recognized the town board for waiving the fee for the Gavin Park Pavilion rental for their Suicide Awareness Walk.

The Clerk also received a response denial letter from New York State Department of Transportation regarding a speed limit reduction request on Edie Road.

Comptroller’s Report

1.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #110

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Tiffany Delaney, Senior Clerk, Building Department, effective March 3, 2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

b.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #111

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Andrew Rougie, Maintenance Worker, Building and Grounds Department, effective February 13, 2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

c.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #112

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request for overnight travel for Susan Baldwin to attend the New York State Town Clerks Association Regional Meeting in Hyde Park, March 15-18, 2024.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.

Penflex-Wilton Emergency Squad-Penflex Service Award

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #113

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the audit and review of the 2024 PENFLEX Service Award Program points listing of all volunteer ambulance workers at the Wilton Emergency Squad.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

3.

Asset Disposal

1.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #114

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from John King, Park Maintenance Supervisor, to trade in the Toro 4700D (Value of \$15,000) to offset the cost of the new Toro Groundmaster 4700 approved for purchase in October 2024.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #115

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from Scott Harrington, Building and Grounds Supervisor, to place the 2021 Ford F-250 on Auctions International.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Other

Councilman Bogardus thanked the Building and Codes Department for their assistance in a recent alarm call at Moe’s Restaurant in Wilton.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron and seconded by Councilman Bogardus, with all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, John J. Lant

_____ Councilman, Raymond O’Conor

_____ Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian

_____ Councilman Duane Bogardus