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PUBLIC HEARING via ZOOM-LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2021,

7:00 P.M.

Opting Out of Licensure and Establishment of Cannabis Dispensaries and/or Cannabis Onsite Consumption Sites.

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron with all board members in favor, the public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

VIRTUAL TOWN BOARD MEETING via ZOOM-June 3, 2021

Supervisor Lant called the Virtual Town Board meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

Ray O’Conor-Councilman

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

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 116

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to suspend public comment for the June 3, 2021, meeting.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION # 117

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2021, meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Hazardous Waste Day Bid

Supervisor Lant said we received two bids for the hazardous waste day. He said he thought they ought to look at it a little deeper. Sue Baldwin, Town Clerk, explained the bid is based on the unit price. At first glance it looks as though one is cheaper, but different units of measurement are used. There are a lot of things that need to be converted so you are looking at apples to apples. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said why don't we wait until next month after we've had time to look it over. They were all in agreement. The board tabled it until the next month meeting.

Independent Auditor's Report

Supervisor Lant asked everyone if they had a chance to look at Ms. Moran's audit.

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

RESOLUTION # 118

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the independent auditors report for 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Appointment-Ethics Advisory Board

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 119

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Charles Garrison as Chairman to the Ethics Advisory Board, 6/3/2021-12/31/2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Resignations

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

RESOLUTION # 120

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Christian Clark from the Wilton Zoning Board of Appeals as of June 3, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

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

RESOLUTION # 121

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Brian Wegand, of the Park and Recreation Commission, as of June 3, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Proposed Local Law #2 of 2021

Opting out of Licensure and Establishment of Cannabis Dispensaries and/or Cannabis Onsite Consumption Sites

Supervisor Lant said he was against the selling and dispensary of cannabis. Councilman O'Connor stated we generally don't allow smoking of any kind of substance in public places in the town such as Gavin Park Wilton Wildlife Preserve, and town buildings? Do we need to express in the LL #2 that cannabis is not allowed in the local law? Town Council Schachner asked do we need to add that prohibition to proposed local law? Councilman O'Connor said yes. Town Council Schachner said, no. Don't add it in this proposed LL. I don't remember the other adoptions by the Town Board prohibiting smoking on town property. We need to look over the language and see if it already applies or needs to be augmented. Either way I would not add that in this law.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 122

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Local Law #2 of 2021, Opting Out of Licensure and Establishment of Cannabis Dispensaries and/or Cannabis Onsite Consumption Sites.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Kolligian said she spoke to Robin Corrigan today to check in and she said everything is going great. She thanked the board for the support and getting the Senior Center open and always having their back.

Supervisor Lant asked if everyone saw Traver Road, it was done with our new paver. He said the highway crew did a great job. The parking lot at Town Hall was also paved. Councilman O'Connor said our Saratoga County Deputy, Brendan August helped along that stretch with traffic.

Supervisor Lant said Evan Rosetti from the Town of Wilton, has been involved with Gavin Park basketball. He participated in the National Regionals through the Elks free throw shoot. He was crowned the winner after making 24 out of 25 throws, more than his competitors who were state champions from NJ and PA.

He then went to the finals and finished fourth in the nation. It was a great accomplishment. So, if you see Evan, congratulate him, and thank him for putting Wilton on the map!

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he has received many calls and emails wondering why the Splash Park is only open to Wilton residents. They would like to see it open to everyone. Are outdoor activities allowed at this point? Councilwoman Kolligian said she agreed and didn't know why it wouldn't be open other than if they were renting it as everything has changed. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said we are going to open as usual. We're doing everything we can to open to all and not just some. He said rental is fine at nights. It was built for the community. Councilwoman Kolligian said the plan was it will be open 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for residents with the availability to rent from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We were discussing opening an hour early so summer camp can have an opportunity to utilize it but 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is for everybody. Councilman O'Connor said school year finishes up on Thursday June 24. My hope would be the trend keeps getting lower and we get back to business as usual.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2021 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 123

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget transfers, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 6/3/2021 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.) Personnel

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

RESOLUTION # 124

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Casey Carter as of June 2, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron,

duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Other

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

RESOLUTION # 125

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the reimbursement of cellphone and data fees for Jason Brueckner.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian duly put to vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Not on the Agenda

Supervisor Lant said as of next month, he would like to have the Town Board meeting at town hall as well as the Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron stated he spoke the Mr. Marino and the maintenance staff at Gavin Park and we are leaning towards having our own maintenance department for the Town of Wilton with two zones, the northern and southern zone. The reason for that is the difficulties in hiring we are having. There seems to be quite a few people at Gavin Park, six to be exact, who take care of a postage stamp sized property compared to the entire town. We would have a combined maintenance department. Several other towns who are doing this. He said he and Councilman Bogardus spoke to Mr. Marino and said this may be the wave of the future. If we need manpower at Town Hall, we can pull them from Gavin Park and vice versa. It will work better in the wintertime. Councilwoman Kolligian asked why we aren’t doing this already. Councilman O’Conor suggested if you were going to do this it should be combined into one organization that’s town wide and put someone like Scott Harrington in charge of it. Councilwoman Kolligian said then he would divide up the work and who’s working in the southern zone and who’s in the north. She asked if that would affect the civil service positions? Town Council Schachner said it depends on how they were hired whether it be classified through the county and it depends how it was set up. It could be easy or it might be discontinuing a recreation department. It all depends how it was set up. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he talked with Mr. Harrington and Mr. King and they seemed to think it was a great idea. Councilman Bogardus said in the future we should hire them as a town employee, not location specific.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor and seconded by Councilman Bogardus, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilman, Duane Bogardus

Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian

Councilman, Ray O'Conor