

Public Hearing
August 4, 2021

Public hearing on the local law No. 3, on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in the Town Hall Senior Center was called to order by Supervisor Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., at 6:33 p.m.

PRESENT

Frederick J. Forbes, Sr., Supervisor
Larry R. Jones, Councilmember
Michael R. Park, Councilmember
Barry E. Warren, Councilmember
Kevin M. Williams, Councilmember
Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town
Heather M. Hill, Town Clerk
Brooke L. Poli, Town Deputy Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Victor Siegle, Homer Village Resident
Larry Jones, PhD.
George Murphy-Wilkins, Cortland Voice
Thomas & Mary Kiernan, Village resident
Paul Suits, Homer Village & Town Resident
Paul Suits Jr., Homer Village & Town Resident
Matthew Suits, Homer Village & Town Resident

Supervisor Frederick Forbes Sr., read the legal notice (attached) to opt out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under cannabis Law Article 4. Supervisor Forbes asked the Town Attorney if he should read the law out loud in which Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town said, "It was not necessary." Supervisor Forbes asked the room if anyone would like him to read the local law out loud. Councilmember Williams suggested to read it. Supervisor Forbes read the proposed local law #3 out loud. Supervisor Forbes said that the intent of the Town Board for the proposed local law was to send the decision to the residents of Homer. Supervisor Forbes asked if anyone present had any questions or comments on the proposed 2021 local law No. 3.

Mary Kiernan, a village of Homer resident asked if the dispensaries and on-site consumption sites were two separate issues. Supervisor Frederick Forbes Sr. answered yes. Patrick M. Snyder, Attorney for the Town stated that New York State confirmed that they are two separate issues.

Supervisor Forbes asked if anyone present had any questions or comments on the proposed 2021 local law No. 3.

Supervisor Frederick Forbes Sr., read an email (attached) that he had received from Melissa Potter, a Town of Homer resident, with her opinion on local law #3 which she is against. Supervisor Forbes talked about the material & handouts (attached) with additional information about cannabis.

Supervisor Forbes asked if anyone present had any questions or comments on the proposed 2021 local law No. 3.

As there were no further comments or questions, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Heather M. Hill
Town Clerk