

**Hampton Bays
Citizens Advisory Committee Special Meeting**

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023

Location: Via Zoom

Time: 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Colvin Cumberbatch, Victoria Firemark, Margaret Friedlander, Gayle Lombardi, James Mackin, Michael McCullough, Amy Schmersal-Paradise, Daria Roulett, Gail Shepard, Geraldine Spinella

Committee Members Absent: John Roulett, Christine Taylor

Elected Officials Present: None

Other Officials Present: None

Call to Order

- ❖ Chairperson Margaret Friedlander called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Minutes of February 16, 2023

- ❖ Approved via email – no further action

Roll Call

- ❖ Secretary Gayle Lombardi called the roll.

Old Business

Gayle Lombardi requested approval to send correspondence to the Planning Board and the Architectural Review Board circulated to the committee members via email regarding the Puccio Laundromat site plan. James Mackin suggested that the wording from “no action be taken” be changed to “no final approval”. The correspondence, as revised, was approved unanimously.

Chairperson’s report

- ❖ Margaret Friedlander discussed her recent nomination as a candidate for Town Trustee for the Town of Southampton. Margaret Friedlander reported that Town officials confirmed that there was no legal conflict of interest between her candidacy and her role as Chairperson of the CAC and there is no requirement that she resign. Margaret Friedlander requested that

the members weigh in and requested a vote of the members as to whether she should resign. The members voted unanimously that she remain as Chairperson.

- ❖ Agenda items tabled from the February 16, 2023 meeting will be discussed at the March 16, 2023 meeting.

Discussion of Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Amending Various Sections of the Town Code in Connection with Retail Cannabis Dispensaries within the Town of Southampton (Town Board Resolution 2023-290.)

- ❖ Each member discussed briefly their personal views and/or conversations they had with other residents and businesses.
- ❖ Some members had strong opinions for or against the Town Board's decision to opt-in. Members acknowledged that the Town has already opted-in, so the discussion is limited to the appropriateness of the zoning.
- ❖ Members acknowledged they had limited community input on this issue for this discussion. Margaret Friedlander and Gayle Lombardi reported that they contacted Town officials to obtain the results of a survey that was apparently taken in 2021 located on the Town's website noted below. No results were provided as of the meeting date.

<https://www.southamptontownnypolice.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1073&ARC=1838>

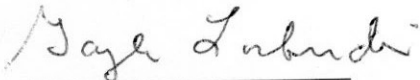
- ❖ The committee agreed that the Town should schedule another public hearing at an evening Town Board meeting to allow attendance by those who cannot attend an afternoon meeting.
- ❖ Some general concerns, questions and comments were raised regarding the proposed zoning outlined below. Gayle Lombardi volunteered to draft a letter outlining those issues and circulate it to the committee members for review and approval to be submitted to the Town Board in writing prior to the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023.
 - There should be a mechanism to limit the number of dispensaries within each hamlet in the Town of Southampton to one or two, if deemed lawful.
 - There should be a requisite distance between dispensaries, if deemed lawful.
 - Tax revenues from the dispensaries should be partially allocated back to the hamlet where the dispensary is located to improve the hamlet or subsidize hamlet taxes such as school, ambulance service, fire protection, parks.
 - It is our understanding that the Town Board chose not to opt-out of allowing both "adult-use, non-medical marijuana dispensaries" and "adult-use on-site consumption" licenses in the Town of Southampton. However, the proposed amendments in Sections 3-5 of the

Notice address only "Cannabis Dispensary, Non-Medical." There are no proposed amendments to the Town Code dealing with "Cannabis Consumption Establishment (on-site)." This is confusing because the CAC is uninformed about how the Town will place time, place, and manner restrictions on the locations of these two different types of cannabis establishments.

Closing

Margaret Friedlander moved to close the meeting. Seconded by Gail Shepard. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle Lombardi
2023 HB CAC Secretary

Dated: 3-26-23

Approved via email