

Mayor Gifford called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Gifford, Trustee Cook, Trustee Gray, Trustee Rizzo & Trustee Solotruck

CANNABIS REGULATION PUBLIC FORUM

Wade Beltramo, Attorney with New York State Conference of Mayors present at meeting; provided an overview of the recent legislation which includes language that allows a municipality to opt out of retail dispensaries and onsite consumption sites within their municipality. The municipality must opt out by December 31st; subject to permissive referendum. There is an additional 3% tax that would be received by the Village from such sales; if the Town were to opt out, the Village would keep all 3%.

Alexis Pleus, Executive Director of Truth Pharm attended meeting remotely; organization was created to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and advocate for policy change to reduce the harm caused by substance use.

Both residents and non-residents spoke regarding the proposed legislation. Majority in favor of the Village not opting out; one resident stated the Village should opt out.

Mayor Gifford asked that all in attendance send their opinion to his email; tgifford@villageofscotiany.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Trustee Rizzo, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Ayes: Trustee Cook, Gray, Rizzo, Solotruck & Mayor Gifford

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully submitted,

Maria A. Schmitz
Clerk to the Village Board of Trustees