

PUBLIC HEARING
A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK,
AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 155
“ZONING” OF THE MARLBOROUGH TOWN CODE AS FOLLOWS: AMENDING SECTION 155-1
ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR “CANNABIS”, “CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT”, “CANNABIS ON-
SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT”, “CANNABIS PRODUCTS” AND “CANNABIS RETAIL
DISPENSARY”, SECTION 155-12 “USE REGULATIONS”, AND ADDING SECTION 155-32.5
“CANNABIS/MARIJUANA RETAIL SALES AND LOUNGES.”

TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH TOWN BOARD
21 MILTON TURNPIKE, MILTON NY
JANUARY 8, 2024 7:00 PM
MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Supervisor Corcoran
Councilman Molinelli
Councilman Zambito
Councilwoman Sessa
Councilman Cauchi

Colleen Corcoran, Town Clerk

Also Present: Michael Rydell, Marlboro Central School District Superintendent
James Kuha, Board of Education Member
John Cantone, Resident/former Marlboro Central School District Board of Education
Member

Supervisor Corcoran opened the public hearing for comment.

Michael Rydell, Marlboro Central School District Superintendent, described the dangers and influences he has to protect his own children and the children of the school district from. He stated that he read the proposed law regarding cannabis and the Board of Education (BOE) had unanimously voted for him to voice their concern. James Kuha, BOE Member accompanied Mr. Rydell. The main concern is with regard to cannabis retailing and the distance of a retailer from any Pre-K – Grade 12 school being 500 feet. Mr. Rydell gave some examples of what 500 feet is and stated that the children will see the establishment every day. He urged the Town Board on behalf of the BOE to consider increasing the distance to significantly beyond 500 feet.

John Cantone, Resident/former Marlboro Central School District Board of Education Member, asked the Board to increase the distance to beyond the 500 feet as well. He asked if there is a similar law with regard to alcohol establishments even though marijuana is different and taken more seriously. He explained that our teenagers are influenced by what they see.

Supervisor Corcoran thanked everyone for their comments and concerns; the Board had been discussing the distance from schools prior to this meeting.

Councilman Cauchi made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Molinelli.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Carried

*Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Cherubini
Deputy Town Clerk*