

TOWN OF STONINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 27, 2021

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Stonington was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 27, 2021 at the Stonington Public Schools District Office (former Pawcatuck Middle School), by First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough. Also, in attendance was Selectwoman June Strunk. Selectwoman Deborah Downie was not in attendance. Town Attorney Jeffrey Londregan was also present.

First Selectman Chesebrough asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. First Selectman Chesebrough then asked for nominations for Moderator. First Selectman Chesebrough nominated Theodore Ladwig and being properly seconded by Selectwoman Strunk, Mr. Ladwig was unanimously elected Moderator of the meeting. Town Clerk, Cynthia Ladwig served as Clerk.

The Moderator asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Call recorded immediately preceding this page. Hearing no objection, the Moderator read the Resolution to waive the reading of the first item of the Call.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the reading of the Resolution to be presented to this Special Town Meeting under the first item of the Call be waived, and the full text of the Resolution, a copy of which has been made available to all those in attendance at this meeting, be incorporated into the text of this meeting.

Full text of the Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT, PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly has adopted a law concerning the responsible and equitable regulation of adult-use cannabis (hereinafter "S.B. 1201"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 148 of S.B. 1201, a municipality may, by ordinance, prohibit the establishment of a Cannabis Establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stonington wishes to prohibit the establishment of a Cannabis Establishment within the limits of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. That the ordinances of the Town of Stonington be amended by adding a section to read as follows:

- A. "Cannabis Establishment" shall mean a producer, dispensary facility, cultivator, micro-cultivator, retailer, hybrid retailer, food and beverage manufacturer, product manufacturer, product packager, delivery service or transporter, as all those terms are defined in S.B. 1201.
- B. No Cannabis Establishment shall be established within the limits of the Town of Stonington.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof is held to be invalid such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions of applications; and to this end the provisions of this ordinance and the various applications thereof are declared to be severable.

This Ordinance shall become effective following approval by Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation within the Town of Stonington.

Adopted:
Effective:

Hearing no objection, the Moderator recognized First Selectman Chesebrough to read the abbreviated Resolution on the Call.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF STONINGTON, IN LAWFUL MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

To consider and vote on a resolution to adopt an Ordinance of the Town of Stonington, Connecticut, prohibiting the establishment of a Cannabis Establishment within the Town Limits.

The Resolution being properly seconded, the Moderator recognized Town Clerk Cynthia Ladwig to read a letter sending the Resolution to Referendum.

September 9, 2021

Ms. Cynthia Ladwig, Town Clerk
Stonington Town Hall
Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Ms. Ladwig:

The Board of Selectmen, at its meeting held on September 8, 2021 voted to set a Special Town Meeting for Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

The Board also voted to send the first item on the Special Town Meeting, called for September 27, 2021, to referendum. The Board set Tuesday, October 5, 2021 for the date of the Referendum to be held in the following voting places between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

FIRST AND THIRD DISTRICT	Stonington Fire House, 100 Main St., Stonington
SECOND DISTRICT	Former Pawcatuck Middle School, 40 Field St., Pawcatuck
FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT	B.F. Hoxie Fire House, 34 Broadway Ave., Mystic

The wording for the question will be as follows:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF STONINGTON ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS?"

Those voting to prohibit a cannabis establishment will vote "YES".
Those voting to allow a cannabis establishment will vote "NO".

The Adjourned Special Town Meeting will reconvene at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Stonington Town Hall.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Warm regards,

Danielle Chesebrough

Cc: Registrar of Voters

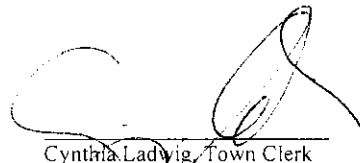
The Resolution being properly seconded, the Moderator reminded the audience that since the Resolution was going to Referendum that there would be no vote taken tonight. The Moderator then opened the floor to discussion. Speaking on the Resolution was First Selectman Chesebrough, Jackie Turner, Rob Kapell, Anthony Lombardo, Karen Stellmaker and Jamie Ravenelle. Town Attorney Londregan answered questions concerning the Ordinance.

Hearing no further discussion, the Moderator adjourned the meeting until 8:30 p.m. on October 5, 2021 to the Stonington Town Hall for the results of the referendum.

Motion was made and seconded, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

/s/ Cynthia Ladwig
Clerk of the meeting

Received for record this 10th day of August, 2021.


Cynthia Ladwig, Town Clerk