A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on November 9, 2021, at the Village Hall – 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830. Special Board meeting started at 7:30 P.M.

<u>Present were</u> Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Richard Rice

Mayor Terry Stark called the Special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

# **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Unpaid taxes are being returned to the County

Melissa Gross mentioned that the State of Colorado had 187.5 million in retail sales in January. She talked about monies trickling down to the village from the state level. She did some research on Colorado and Massachusetts and how they handled the cannabis issue.

Trustee Leach seconded by Trustee Rice made a motion to prepare a mailing to all village residents based on our water/sewer accounts. We will aim to get the mailings out by November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will post the legal notice in our official paper first, post notices around the village then mail the flyers.

# **CANNABIS OPT-OUT**

The Board decided to put the local law to a vote as it is no longer unanimous as to what to do as a Board. There are about six options that we could choose. Mayor Stark talked to the Village Attorney and had him put together a resolution.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Village Board of the Village of Oxford at a special meeting held on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, adopted Local Law one of 2021 as follows:

**LOCAL LAW** 

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 Village of Oxford , County of Chenango "NYS Cannabis Law Opt-Out Legislation"

A local law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Oxford, New York

Trustee Marks, seconded by Trustee Hendricks, moved the following resolution, to enact the following local law, to be known as Local Law No. 1 of 2021, entitled "A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries and On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within the Village of Oxford as follows:

WHEREAS the following Local Law was introduced as Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2021, by Resolution, proposed at a regular meeting of the Village Board held on September 28, 2021;

and

WHEREAS a properly noticed public hearing was held before the Village Board on October 12, 2021, on Local Law No. 1 of 2021; and

WHEREAS the enactment of this Local Law is a Type II Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act as it involves routine agency administration and management and therefore is exempt from environmental review; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford as follows:

### Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to opt the Village of Oxford out of hosting retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within its boundaries.

# Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, which expressly authorizes cities and villages to opt-out of allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their boundaries.

Section 3. Local Cannabis Retail Dispensary and/or On-Site Consumption Opt-Out
The Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, County of Chenango, hereby opts-out of
allowing retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments
from locating and operating within the boundaries of the Village of Oxford.

# Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgmentor order shall be rendered.

# Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131, and Article 9 of the New York Village Law, this local law is subject to a permissive referendum and thus may not be filed with the Secretary of State until thirty (30) days after adoption, unless there shall be filed with the Village Clerk a petition signed and acknowledged by the electors of the Village in number equal to at least twenty percent of such electors in the Village, as shown on the register of electors for the previous general village election, protesting against this resolution and requesting that the matter be submitted to the electors of the Village for their approval or disapproval in the manner provided by the Village Law. Within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be published at least once in the official newspaper of the Village, and to be posted in at least six (6) public places in the Village, a notice which shall set forth the date of adoption of this resolution and contain an abstract thereof, concisely stating its purpose and effect and specifying that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Mayor Stark Aye
Trustee Hendricks Aye
Trustee Marks Aye
Trustee Leach Aye
Trustee Rice Nay

DATED: Oxford, New York

November 9, 2021

SHELLY W. MARKS, CLERK/TREASURER VILLAGE OF OXFORD

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11-9-2

**RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION** 

RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 9 , 2021.
A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION UPON

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021

Village of Oxford , County of Chenango

"NYS Cannabis Law Opt-Out Legislation"

A local law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Oxford, New York

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, has heretofore adopted a resolution authorizing A Local Law Adopted Pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries and On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within the Village of Oxford in and for said Village, subject to permissive referendum or on the Board's own motion; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees now desires to call a special election of said Village for the submission of a proposition thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A special election of the qualified electors of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, shall be held on November 30, 2021, as heretofore determined by this Board of Trustees at the Oxford Fire Station for the purpose of voting upon a proposition regarding Local Law # 1 of 2021 referred to in the preambles hereof. Voting shall be by paper ballot at such special election and shall be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon, to 9:00 P.M., Prevailing Time.

Section 2. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such special election by publication in official newspaper of the Village, being, a newspaper having a general circulation in said Village, the first publication of such notice to be made at least ten days prior to the time of such special election. In addition, the Village Clerk shall post or cause to be posted a copy of such notice in at least six conspicuous public places throughout said Village and at each polling place, such posting to be at least one day prior to such election. Said notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

<u>Section 3.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon motion by Trustee Leach and second by Trustee Rice, the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Official	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Trustee Leach	Aye			
Trustee Hendricks	Aye			
Trustee Richard Marks	Aye			
Trustee Richard Rice	Aye			
Mayor Terry Stark	Aye			

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### **EXHIBIT A NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special Village election of the Village of Oxford, Chenango County, New York, will be held at the Fire Station, 20 Main Street in Oxford, New York on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot on the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon, and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

# **PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Shall the Village of Oxford enact Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 Village of Oxford, County of Chenango known as "NYS Cannabis Law Opt-Out Legislation", A local law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Oxford, New York

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels at said Special Referendum at the Special Election in substantially the following form:

Shall the Village of Oxford enact Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 Village of Oxford, County of Chenango known as "NYS Cannabis Law Opt-Out Legislation", A local law adopted pursuant to Cannabis Law § 131 opting out of licensing and establishing retail cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Village of Oxford, New York

YES	NO

[NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at said election whose name does not appear on the Register of said Village.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that any person qualified to vote at a general village election and registered to vote may vote upon a proposition to be presented at a special village election. Registration with the County Board of Election must be done at least ten days before the date of the Special Election.

Persons qualified to register and vote must be (a) a citizen of the United States, (b) eighteen years of age or older as of the date of the special election and (c) a resident of the Village for at least thirty days preceding the date of the Special Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this action has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations promulgated under State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as to which the Board of Trustees has determined that same shall not result in any adverse environmental impact. SEQRA compliance materials may be examined at the office of the Village Clerk during regular business hours by appointment.

DATED: Oxford, New York

November 9, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD

DATED: November 9, 2021

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SHELLY W MARKS

VILLAGE OF OXFORD CLERK/TREASURER

**Election Date:** 

November 30th

Time:

12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:** 

Village of Oxford Fire Station

Address:

20 Main Street Oxford, NY 13830

**Contact Phone:** 

607-843-2512

Link:

VillageofOxfordNY.com Website

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Next Regular meeting will be November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly W. Marks

Clerk-Treasurer