

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
August 22, 2018**

This meeting was advertised in The Express Times, notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 6:14 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Garay, Committeeman Pfefferle, Committeeman Kiernan, Township Attorney Dragan

ALSO PRESENT: Twp. Planner Banisch, Twp. Engineer Decker, Land Use Atty. Gianos, Land Use Chair Rochelle

ABSENT: None

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to go into Executive Session. (Time 6:15 PM.)

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

_____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.

_____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.

_____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.

_____ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.

_____ Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.

_____ Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.

_____ Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

 X Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

Standard Farms

_____ Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
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_____ Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to return to Public Session **(6:57 PM)**.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Former Mayor and Township Resident Gabe Plumer and Land Use Vice-Chairman and Township Resident Aram Papazian both expressed their support for a Letter of Consent to be sent to Standard Farms and for the Township Committee to approve the Resolution being discussed at tonight's meeting.

Comm. Pfefferle noted that LSRP Robert Schwarzkopf sent an email out today stating that the groundwater sampling round at the DPW garage facility in early August did not identify any contaminants at levels exceeding the NJDEP Groundwater Quality Standards (GWQS). The two successive rounds of sampling demonstrated compliance of the GWQS and Mr. Schwarzkopf is arranging for the groundwater points at the site be properly decommissioned by an NJ Licensed well driller and is working on a report for the NJDEP submittal and Response Action Outcome.

Comm. Pfefferle made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kiernan to approve Resolution 2018-096 with the following changes to the draft resolution:

- 1.) In Paragraph 5 on Page 1, delete "has prepared" to "is preparing"
- 2.) Delete Paragraph 6 on Page 1 in its entirety
- 3.) In Paragraph 2 on Page 2 change "an" to "duly permitted"
- 4.) In Paragraph 2 on Page 2 delete "Consistent with the attached draft zoning ordinance"

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 2018 – 096
TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
EXPANSION OF THE NEW JERSEY
COMPASSIONATE USE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA ACT AND AFFIRMING
ALEXANDRIA TOWSHIP'S
COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISHING
ZONING REGULATIONS TO PERMIT THE
CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND
MANUFACTURING OF CANNABIS AS A
PERMITTED USE IN ALEXANDRIA
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the "New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act" (the Act) (N.J.S.A. 24:61-1 et seq.) provides legal protection for the cultivation, processing, dispensing and use of marijuana for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has determined, pursuant to the Act, that it is necessary to expand New Jersey's Medical Marijuana Program in order to meet the needs of qualified patients by announcing its acceptance of applications for the issuance of six (6) additional Alternative Treatment

Centers (ATC's); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria (the "Township") supports the expansion of New Jersey's Medical Marijuana Program and is interested in adopting zoning regulations to permit a land use category within the Township of Alexandria for an ATC that will permit an individual or entity to cultivate, process and manufacture products from cannabis as authorized under the Act and as those activities may be permitted through a duly awarded permit by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has a reasonable expectation that an ATC will provide, in consideration of company's corporate social responsibility program(s), a percentage of annual gross revenue or fixed fee in the form of an annual host agreement and/or license agreement with the municipality pursuant to revenue sharing terms contained within such agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has consulted with its various professional staff and is preparing a draft ordinance for the purpose of demonstrating the municipalities' interest and commitment to facilitating the development and operation of an ATC within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee seeks to provide an opportunity for interested ATC operators to propose facilities in the Township and to submit the required application materials to the New Jersey Department of Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Alexandria Township Committee on this 22nd day of August, 2018 that:

1. The Township Committee commits its support

in accordance with the recitals above hereby incorporated and is in favor of an ATC operating within the Township pursuant to the Act;

2. The Township Committee directs that medical marijuana businesses that propose to cultivate, process and manufacture cannabis and intend to operate a duly permitted ATC within Alexandria Township may begin the application process for a permit with the New Jersey Department of Health while Alexandria Township takes the actions necessary to implement zoning to permit such an operation in the Township; and
3. The Mayor is authorized to issue letters in support of responsible medical marijuana businesses applying to the New Jersey Department of Health for an ATC permit.

Township Committee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Garay			X			
Deputy Mayor Pfeferle	X		X			
Committeeman Kiernan		X	X			

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Comm. Kiernan made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pfefferle to adjourn.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle, Kiernan

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of August 8, 2018 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township Committee on the 12th day of September.

Michelle Garay, Mayor