

Wales Town Board
Public Hearing

Tuesday August 11th, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, NY.

ROLL CALL: Taken at prior public hearing

Present Supervisor Rickey Venditti
Councilman Donald Butcher
Councilman Dan Driver
Councilman Kyle Barry
Councilman Gerald Klinck Absent

Also Present: Ronald Bennett Town Attorney, GHD Engineering, (13)

Residents whose names are on file.

Supervisor Rickey Venditti read Notice of Public Hearing as Published.

Lloyd Demario gave an overview of his proposal for Natemeg Farm LLC, at 6846 Olean Road.

He started by saying, it will be a seasonal business operating April thru October and closed in the winter months, limited business hours possibly Wednesday or Thursday 4-8pm and weekend 1-8pm. Primary business will be selling craft beer and wine to customers (no consumption on site) not planning on holding events just selling, possible wine tasting. The beer and wine will be made on the premises, and plans to expand 4-5 acres for growing grapes, following the New York State Farm Guide for Farm Winery and Craft Brewery. Supervisor Rickey Venditti asked Lloyd Demario if everything you sell on-site you will be producing? Lloyd Demario responded yes that is our plan, but it will take time about 2-3 years to cultivate the winery part. The beer part is 70% of your grains in hops must be New York State produced, by 2024 it must be 90%. We will, be utilizing the local farmer's for producing hops as well as other grape growers. Supervisor Rickey Venditti asked what kind of capacity as far as having people there? Lloyd Demario responded people will come and taste and learn about the wine maybe there 10-15 minutes, he said I'm not looking to entertain people for 3 or 4 hours. My goal for the craft brewery and wine, is to be able to supply and deliver the product for events like weddings, graduations, and retirement parties. Mr. DeMario was also asked if he was planning on having any events on the premises or having a bar on site. Lloyd Demario responded no. Supervisor Rickey Venditti said, he thinks Lloyd Demario has given us a good idea of what his initial plans will be for his proposed business at Olean Road.

Invitation for Resident's input to the Town Board.

None

MOTION#___By Councilman Daniel Driver and second by Councilman Kyle Barry adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. CARRIED

Submitted by Pat Owczarzak, Deputy Town Clerk