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### LaGrange Residents, We Hear Your Concerns

Residents have vocalized concerns over hemp farming in a LaGrange Agricultural District, more specifically, Hemp Productions, Inc. farming on Noxon Road. In follow up to these concerns, the Town would like respond to the residents advising them that the Town is not granted the authority to interfere or stop the growth, sale, distribution, transportation and processing of industrial hemp and products by licensed entities.

As per NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 29 §506, Growth, sale, distribution, transportation and processing of industrial hemp and products derived from such hemp are permitted. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, industrial hemp and products derived from such hemp are agricultural products which may be grown, produced and possessed in the state, and sold distributed, transported or processed either in or out of state as part of agricultural pilot programs pursuant to authorization under federal law and the provisions of this article.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary restricting the growing or cultivating, sale, distribution, transportation or processing of industrial hemp and products derived from such hemp, and subject to authorization under federal law, the commissioner may authorize the growing or cultivating of industrial hemp as part of agricultural pilot programs conducted by the department and/or an institution of higher education to study the growth and cultivation, sale, distribution, transportation and processing of such hemp and products derived from such hemp provided that the sites and programs used for growing or cultivating industrial hemp are certified by, and registered with, the department.

Pursuant to Article 29 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, Hemp Productions, Inc. was issued a license by NYS Agriculture and Markets on February 26, 2018 for a period of three years, set to expire on February 28, 2021. This licenser issued a permit for them to possess, grow, cultivate and process industrial hemp, consistent with, and only as set forth in, its application for permit to conduct research on industrial hemp, submitted and granted by the Commissioner of NYS Agriculture and Markets.

The Town does not have the authority to supersede the State Law in this matter.

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