August 13, 2024

Schultzville, NY

A continued public hearing on proposed local law No. x of 2024 (STR Update) was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Werner, Councilman Dykas, Councilwomen Mustello and Councilwoman Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 2 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:15 PM, Supervisor Whitton called the public hearing to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. No legal notice was read as this is a continuation of the public hearing on STR amendment, an update to a current law.

PUBLIC HEARING

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LOCAL LAW:

Read by Deputy Supervisor Werner: In response to comments from a number of residents and Board members about non-hosted short-term rentals, the Town Board is discussing how the proposed law might be changed to accommodate these concerns. The board's intention is to keep the public hearing open and have a revised draft of the proposed law ready for public review and discussion at the September meeting and (depending on the response) a board vote at the October meeting.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilwoman Auspitz to open the floor to public comments. All aye. Motion carried.

Paul Thomas - Chair PB had suggested the Board consider for non-hosted STRs, reversing the current policy by making them no longer permitted, with grandfathering existing permits if renewed timely. We have to determine if the permit runs with the property. There is burden placed on building and zoning depts. Feels majority of people in town do not want non hosted strs. We issued about 30 non hosted permits in the past three years. They do not benefit the town, people who come before the board have a problem with the policy not necessarily with their neighbor's str. Described the different issues he hears about. Eliot Werner said there seems to be no issue with hosted str.

Jeff Newman agrees with Paul. Non hosted strs change the character of the neighborhood. The goal was to create revenue for homeowners, not to allow for properties to be purchased for commercial purposes. Permit should go with permit owner, not the property as it can be sold as a commercial property.

At 6:25 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to keep open the Public Hearing until 6:15 pm on September 10, 2024. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to adjourn the public hearing. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Ju Maki

Carol-Jean Mackin, Town Clerk