

August 8, 2023

Schultzville, NY

A public hearing on proposed local law No. 4 of 2023 was continued on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Mike Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Eliot Werner, Councilmen Dean Michael arrived at 6:22 PM, Chris Juliano, Katherine Mustello, and Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately eight people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:15 PM, Deputy Supervisor Werner called the public hearing to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano to continue the public hearing, which was left open for additional comments from the July 11, 2023 public hearing date. All aye except Dean Michael who was absent. Motion carried.

MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Juliano to open the floor for public comment. All aye except Dean Michael who was absent. Motion carried.

Andrew Lessen lawyer - rep Adrience Farm – received the comments from county and ag and markets through FOIL, they say there are inconsistencies with state law and our draft is overburdensome. Looking to work with the town and the Town Attorney to find an acceptable result.

Eliot Werner said the plan going forward is to leave the public hearing open, address comments and have a new version of the local law for discussion at the next meeting.

Katherine Mustello - said we know it's a process and we are not rushing.

Jeff Newman – MCEI, it's good to take the time. Dutchess County did not have significant comments and ag and markets said there is nothing in the law to regulate farm operations, that regulation is found in ag and markets law, this is a path for farms to go beyond ag and markets law and they understand that. We are increasing the support of farm operations.

At 6:15 PM, there being no further comments, MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Juliano to keep open the public hearing to September 12, 2023 at 6:15 PM for further comments. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

At 6:23 PM, MM Deputy Supervisor Werner, 2nd Councilman Michael to adjourn the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin".

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk