

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Held: Tuesday October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Michael Volino, Holly Chase, Noel Sylvester, Daniel Gee, Jennifer Hargrave, Rachel Treichler

Visitors: Rosalyn Renner, Tim Hargrave, Reggy Rice, Heather Quick, Lori Levesque, Penny Smith, Kelly Wilson, Barbara Volino, Kyle Wilson, Trinity Zeh, Bill Dartt, Barb Dartt, Larry Shilling, Mary Rayeski, Elizabeth Donderewicz, Robert Makitra, William Anderson, Ruth Schoonover, Steve Makitra

Michael Volino called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Volino read aloud letters from the NYS Dept of Ag and Markets dated September 25, 2023 and October 3, 2023. Volino stated that after Janet Thigpen spoke at the August Public Hearing the Town of Thurston took her concerns into consideration. Volino stated that the Town of Thurston Local Law #3 of 2023 does not prevent Town of Thurston farmers from farming. Volino read aloud some revised sections of the amended Local Law #3 of 2023 draft. Volino stated that the amendments made were to strengthen the language in the local law. Volino stated that the legislative findings are all within legal guidelines.

Volino stated that the Town of Thurston has signed a retainer with Earth Justice with no fees attached. Ruth Schoonover asked Michael Volino if there were no fees at all. Volino stated there are no fees.

Michael Volino stated that the Thurston Town Board would not vote on the Town of Thurston Local Law #3 of 2023 until the October 18, 2023 Board meeting.

Volino read aloud the Resolution of the Town of Thurston Board Introducing Amendments to Proposed Local Law #3 of 2023 A Local Law Regulating the Disposal of Sewage Sludge. Daniel Gee stated that he was ready to move forward with the local law. Noel Sylvester stated that to be fair to the rest of the Board members, the Board should take some time to really understand the revisions made to the local law draft.

Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Daniel Gee to accept the Resolution of the Town of Thurston Board Introducing Amendments to Proposed Local Law No 3 of 2023, A Local Law Regulating the Disposal of Sewage Sludge. By roll call vote: Holly Chase, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, nay not enough time to review. Carried.

Michael Volino stated that a motion was needed to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm to finalize the Local Law #3 of 2023. Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Noel Sylvester to set the Public Hearing for Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Put to vote: Holly Chase, aye Daniel Gee, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried.

With no further discussion motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Put to vote: Michael Volino, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk