

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN FIRE COMPANY, INC.**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Samuel J. Hall  
Councilman Michael Sexton  
Councilman George F. Smith  
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark  
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jennifer Jackson-Clerk to the Supervisor, Jeff Meyer-Attorney for the Town, Michele Stark, Ritchie Moore, Shelbie Paulson, Cliff Nelson, Mary Davis, Lyle Washburn, Bonnie Graves, Cori & James Kuehner, John & Katelyn Moskos, Taylor Foran, William Hohman, Jeremy Treadway, Lori & Steve Granger, Duane & Barb Burch, Joan Degener, Lori Hagen Jeff Pepper, Robert & Jane Griffiths, Kevin Rehaghan, Bill Bailey, Penny Gould, Megan Osika, Kathleen & Tim Stachnick, Catherine Matier, Duane Burch, Trish Teneyck, Linda & John Crandall, Barbara Barnes, John Calogero, John A, Ann & Mike Swezey, Daniel A.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This meeting was published in the Post Star April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

6:02 P.M. Ritchie Moore read the "DRAFT" of the purposed local law in its entirety. Copies of the purposed Local Law were provided for all that were in attendance.

6:23 P.M. Mr. Moore had finished reading the purposed local law.

6:25 P.M. Public Hearing Opened.

Matt French suggested that Washington County Code Enforcement should come and recheck all dwellings and septic tanks to ensure everything is up to code.

Barry Davis suggested that the Town Board implement a limited number of people on a property, not just the number staying at the home.

Supervisor Hall stated limiting the number of cars allowed on the property should take care of this problem.

Andy Z. stated that he would like to see a restriction on the size of boats/motors that are allowed in Hadlock.

Supervisor Hall stated that this is not a short-term rental issue this is a Town wide issue, and this law would pertain to all residents not just short-term renters.

Katelyn Moskos stated that Northern Living does have restrictions as far as what size boats are permitted to be launched in Hadlock.

Lyle Washburn wanted to thank the Working Group for all of their time and effort that was put into developing both fair and effective local laws, and also stated that Northern Living should not be the target, as there are many short-term rentals in the area besides Northern living.

Duane Burch asked how are is the Town going to enforce these laws? Supervisor Hall stated that the Town Board is looking into options for this and this is one of the reasons that these laws will go into effect in January 1, 2024 to give the Town Board time to work out some of the logistics.

Taylor Foran asked what will happen if the Town receives false complaints about properties?

Supervisor Hall stated that it will be treated exactly as a false complaint and will not be held against the home owner.

Supervisor Hall stated that he would like to thank the working group and that group did an outstanding job.

Motion was made by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to close public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Motion was carried unanimously.

On a motion by COUNCILMAN SEXTON, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN Stark, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the proposed Local Law Regulating Short-Term Rentals in the Town of Fort Ann, is hereby adopted as Local Law No. 1 of 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

ADOPTED	AYES 4	Sexton, Smith, Stark, Hall
	NAYES 1	Witherell

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk  
Town of Fort Ann, New York