

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WARRENSBURG
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
AT WARRENSBURG FIREHOUSE 18 ELM STREET**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA YOUTUBE INTERNET BROADCAST AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE YOUTUBE LINK CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Kevin Geraghty
Councilperson	John Alexander
Councilperson	Bryan Rounds
Councilperson	Donne Lynn Winslow
Councilperson	Richard Larkin

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Annis, Deputy Town Clerk; Dani Oliver, Supervisors Secretary; Pamela Lloyd, Town Clerk, and Several Public Attendees, a Sign-in sheet can be viewed at the Town Clerks Office. Please Note, not all the Attendees Signed-in.

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING MORATORIUM ON NEW COMMERCIAL [RETAIL] DEVELOPMENT IN MAIN STREET AREA OF WARRENSBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT was called to order by Supervisor Geraghty at 7:00 p.m., All raised to Salute the Flag.

Supervisor Geraghty read the Public Hearing Notice below:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING MORATORIUM ON NEW COMMERCIAL
[RETAIL] DEVELOPMENT IN MAIN STREET AREA
OF WARRENSBURG HISTORIC DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Warrensburg Town Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Warrensburg Firehouse, 18 Elm Street, Warrensburg, New York, concerning proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2021. Local Law No. 6 would establish a moratorium on new commercial [retail] development within the Main Street area of the Warrensburg Historic District for approximately one year. The moratorium would not prevent maintenance, improvement, renovation, expansion or demolition of existing structures. The area subject to the moratorium would be located on both sides of Main Street/Route 9 extending North from a southern boundary of the “Plank Road Bridge” at the municipal boundary of the Town of Warrensburg and the Town of Lake George to the intersection with Third Avenue as its northern boundary. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Town of Warrensburg Boards the opportunity to review and update the Town Code and Comprehensive Plan as appropriate for the current times, including analysis of where new commercial [retail] growth is most appropriate and possible extension of the Main Street Historic District.

A copy of proposed Local Law No. 6 is on file and available for review at the Town Clerk’s Office, Emerson Memorial Town Hall, 3797 Main Street, Warrensburg, New York, during normal business hours.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the time and place of the Public Hearing all interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment on proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2021.

Pamela Lloyd

Town Clerk

Publication date: October 20, 2021

STATEMENT WAS MADE BY TOWN ATTORNEY, MARK SCHACHNER:

Attorney wanted to clarify to the public the role as the Towns Legal Counsel. The public needs to understand that their role is legal counsel only that meaning that they do not create or influence town policy. Their job is to implement direction they receive from the town officials and provide legal guidance. As part of their job they took direction and instructions from at least the majority of the town board and prepared a Draft Moratorium Local Law as directed. The town board is free to exercise its discretion on the direction they want to take on this proposed Local Law with no influence from legal counsel. He also informed the public that the Law Firm has substantial experience in Planning and Zoning matters in general and including land use and development moratorium. Please feel free to contact any statewide planning and zoning organization and ask about our qualifications.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR:

Councilperson Donne-Lynn Winslow and Richard Larkin opened the discussion with a speech on their views and thoughts on the subject of this public hearing.

BELOW IS A LIST OF THE ATTENDEES THAT SPOKE AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING:

Tony Fortino, Joyce Reed, Linda Marcella, Theresa Whalen, Charles Bederian, Michelle Hamilton, Glenda Duell, Katie Persons, Michael Currie, Dave Alexander, Jim Hull, Gary Cooper, Charles Mineo, Matt Montesi, Kathy Ferullo, Ed Murphy, Janet Tallman.

THE COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENTS OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING CAN BE HEARD AND VIEWED ON THE YOUTUBE LINK LOCATE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.

FINAL CONCLUSION ON THE PUBLIC HEARING:

All the Town Board Members agreed to pause and Not to vote on the Proposed Draft Local Law / Moratorium. The Board members will get together at a later date to discuss updating planning and zoning codes and comprehensive plan.

MEETING ADJOURN

On motion of Councilperson Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Lloyd, Town Clerk