

April 24, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing to amend Chapter 164 of the Code of the Town of Warwick entitled “Zoning.” Said public hearing was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback

Town Attorney, Jay Myrow

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on April 9, 2014. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – Before I open it for public comments, we did refer the zoning changes to the Orange County Planning Department as required by General Municipal Law 239LMN. We did receive a letter back from them with a comment that it is a local determination. We also referred it to the Town Planning Board that is required by the Town Code Section 164-60A and we did receive a letter back from the Planning Board of the Town in support of the changes. These were changes that clearly have been identified through the planning process over the past few years and was passed by a 5 to 0 vote on April 2, 2014. So we’ve complied with the two requirements prior to adopting theses and the zoning changes again are three things. One is primarily the sign ordinance. The Planning Board has found over the years that the sign ordinance is a little too restrictive in some respects and so we’ve incorporated their suggestions. We’ve increased the size of the sign that you can have, we increased and an example is out at the Fairgrounds Shopping Complex the way the buildings are oriented they could use 2 signs on a building. They were able to split up their overall signage square footage into 2 different signs and that gives them a little bit more flexibility. Another change was temporary real estate signs were increased from 12’ to 16 square feet. Up-lighted signs, we didn’t permit up-lighting in the past. As long as the up-lighting complies with our lighting code which means there’s a shielded fixture those will be permitted as well. The sign for a commercial building can be determined now based on the linear foot, one square foot per linear foot of the front of the building so it gives them a little more flexibility. We’ve made consistent the size of window signs that they can be 20% of the window space. I think that’s primarily all of the changes. We added a little section on historic signs, so if there was a historic sign it can be granted through the Building Department waivers from certain requirements of the sign ordinance to maintain the historical nature of the sign. The other change was an addition in the stormwater regulations section. There was one omission; it was the references to

the Building Department and Planning Board. There was one section where it just referenced Building Department instead of Planning Board so we just added the Planning Board to it. The map changes for one lot actually it's two lots in Pine Island. Its existing buildings on the lot and the zoning line ran down the middle of the one lot, so it just clearly moves the zoning boundary to encompass the lot in its entirety and that's in the local business hamlet section in Pine Island. That is all the changes so I will open the floor for public comment.

There were no comments from the Board or the public for or against this public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Shuback, seconded Councilman Gerstner, that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:29 p.m. 04-24-14 CP

Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk