

July 18, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law entitled "Greenwood Lake Management and Preservation". Said public hearing was held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

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

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow – Absent

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on July 3, 2019.

(Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

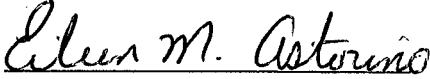
Supervisor Sweeton – This is a new chapter for the town to be added to the law and for those of you who don't know it let me read you the intent. The chapter is entitled Greenwood Lake Management and Preservation and reads as follows; The preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and man-made environment within the Town of Warwick, in the face of population growth, urbanization and technologic change with their accompanying demands on natural resources, are found to be increasing and are of vital importance to the health, welfare and economic well-being of present and future inhabitants and require forthright action by the governing body of the Town of Warwick. Protection of the natural environment involves efforts to maintain proper water quality standards, and to avoid degradation and depletion of the Town's natural resources. Objectives include the protection and preservation of lakes and streams, of wetlands, of ground water and surface water systems, of vegetation and wildlife habits.

Greenwood Lake is a critical environmental area, listed in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and as such the Town, in conjunction with the Greenwood Lake Commission, has an obligation to preserve this precise resource. The Greenwood Lake Commission is a bi-state commission that was formed in 2001 for the express purpose of improving the water quality of this beautiful lake. Their mission is to serve as a bi-state cooperative effort to help ensure that the natural, scenic, economic, and recreational resources of Greenwood Lake and its watershed are protected, so that the pristine beauty of the area will be preserved and maintained for the enjoyment and recreation of present and future generations. Greenwood Lake supplies over three million residents and thousands of businesses with their water supplies. The Town of Warwick shares this goal. The new chapter has three sections, the first deals with waterfowl and prohibits the feeding of waterfowl on any public homeland and any association homeland boarding and adjacent to Greenwood Lake. Waterfowl we enjoy them but should not be fed by residents and they do add to the loading of pollutants to the lake and do present a health concern. We

have prohibited that as I mentioned. The second article deals with ice retardant systems and the ice retardant systems are defined as a mechanical device(s) or a series of mechanical devices designed to retard or prevent the formation of ice in or around lakefront structures. Said devices utilize as their mode of operation one or more of the following mechanisms: pumped air, artificial water turbulence or the addition of heat to the water body. The idea there is just to delineate where these systems can be used. They are not prohibiting them but protecting the safety of those who want to enjoy the lake as it freezes over and make it safe for people that are out there doing that and they don't run into areas because of these devices the surrounding ice has been weakened. We certainly don't want any injuries from that. The third and last article is dealing with swim floats. Swim floats include but are not limited to swim platforms, floating trampolines, floating inflatables, swim area lines. This determines and sets out some perimeters by which you can have these because we certainly want people to enjoy them but it shows where in relation to your property lines that you should have them. They should be well marked for boaters because we do have active boating on the lake and again it's a safety issue. We've been asked by the Bi-State Commission to consider this local law and Councilman DeAngelo is the County Representative on the Bi-State Commission and he has recommended this to us as well. I believe New Jersey has adopted this.

Councilman DeAngelo – They are in the process. What it is, is an effort by the Commission to sort have the same kind of rules on the entire lake.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Kowal that the public hearing be closed subject to written comments accepted until August 15, 2019. Motion Carried (4 ayes, 0 nays & 1 absent Councilman Shuback absent) 7:30 p.m.
07-18-18 CP


Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will be holding a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Introductory Local Law No 2 of 2019, entitled "Chapter 92: Greenwood Lake Management and Preservation". Said public hearing to be held on July 18, 2019 at 7:15pm at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

DATED: July 3, 2019

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK
EILEEN ASTORINO
TOWN CLERK**
