

July 14, 2022

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 164 of the Code of the Town of Warwick, "Clarifying Several Definitions and other Minor Modifications". Said public hearing was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 June 29, 2022.

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

Supervisor Sweeton – The hearing tonight is on two zoning changes. The one is defining a food truck and the reason we defined a food truck so one of the accessory uses were adding is that an eating and drinking establishment can have a food truck associated with it. Currently we don't have any regulation on that at all. We think it's a great idea and we have several examples of it around town. When you're going to have a food truck event with multiple food trucks there's a mechanism, you get a special event permit from the Town Clerks office. We wanted to make sure that these food trucks that are associated with a restaurant have health department permits and are safe for the public to use. We've defined it and added it as an accessory use in all of the districts. We also refined a definition of principal use, so in the Town of Warwick you can have one principal use on your property and you can have accessory uses to it, so a shed, a pool or anything that's permitted. That wasn't clear in the definition and it also included that you could have special permitted uses, so we allow somethings to happen on residential lots. You can have a home occupation one or two and one is more intense than two, but it's to protect the integrity of residential neighborhoods from getting to many things happening on them in the middle of a residential neighborhood where people have chosen to make their homes, so we clarified that definition. The other thing that we did was in the special condition that pertains to farm markets, we just clarified and moved it from #5 in the definition up to #1 and the fact that you're going to have outdoor music that there's regulations they have to abide by, which is the towns noise ordinance as well as the hours of operation which is 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. That just clarifies to the farm market people clearly what they're able to have and do. The third one was a response to complaints into the Building Department which is to remove animals. We allow multiple animals depending on the number of acres you have and one thing that was not addressed was roosters. Roosters can be problematic and so the proposal is to remove them from residential lots, approved residential lots and it doesn't affect farms, it doesn't affect large acre parcels, it affects residential lots. We are required by law by both Orange County and the Town's Planning

Board for their comments and review and we can't act until we get those responses. We normally don't act the same night as a public hearing anyway, we usually wait until the following meeting. The following meeting is on August 18<sup>th</sup> and that's the earliest we would act. We did get a response from Orange County that the department received the proposed changes and found no evidence of significant intermunicipal or countywide impacts and has no advisory comments. I did go over the changes with the Planning Board and I have not received their comments yet. Any questions from the Board before I open it up? I will open it up for public comment and we will need your name for the record and come forward to express your comments.

Dana Marie Welch – Resident, Town of Warwick – I was told yesterday by the Building Dept secretary that this Rooster Zoning ordinance change was already approved. She backtracked, and said it was imminent, when I asked for the Code in writing for our 3<sup>rd</sup> ZBA Zoning meeting regarding our coop permit scheduled for July 25.<sup>th</sup> In our conversation she also did not notify me of the meeting today. However, in our conversation, she did explain that this change in zoning laws would not only impact me as a rooster owner, but that all Rooster owners in the Town of Warwick would now have to get rid of their roosters.

In the meantime, I have a written statement I would like to read:

I have lived in the Town of Warwick as a homeowner for 22 years. For those 22 years Roosters and hens have been legal in the Town. Now I am being told that my beloved pet has to go. What's next hens? How many noise complaint inspections are being made and fines for dogs incessantly barking? Are you going to tell people next that they can't own dogs because of the noise?

Anyhow, apparently, we are here today because there are too many noise complaints about roosters that the building inspectors have to deal with. Approximately 5 a day at a \$100 fine for the noise complaint per visit. That's \$500 a day times 5 days a week, which is \$2,500 a week for the noise complaint in revenue, \$10,000 a month for the Town and \$120,000, a year. How many noise complaint inspections are being made and fines accrued for dogs incessantly barking?

We live in the country. I live over in Amity. Our wild songbirds wake us up in the spring around 4:30 a.m. that's an hour and a ½ before my rooster crows. Dogs bark nonstop and are allowed to... my neighbors German Shepherds did it for years before they moved.

And now, after our whole country experienced food shortages during Covid, the inability to buy chicken or meat for a period of time, and then for a longer period of time, having our purchases rationed due to not enough supply for the shelves, you are all going to suddenly take away my right as an American, and my neighbors rights as Americans to raise our own food? I think you need to rethink your thought process, both from an American perspective, but also a financial perspective as Covid still looms and a recession is on our doorsteps.

I would also like to make note of how this was presented at the Town Board Meeting Agenda on June 23, 2022 posted on the website... New Business 1. Schedule public hearing introductory local law no. 4 of 2022. To amend Chapter 164 “Zoning” to clarify several definitions and other minor modifications. Had I not been in the process of reviewing Codes for our ZBA meeting, I would have never even known what was coming up to vote, or how it would impact my family.

The wording is quite vague. How would any Town of Warwick resident being impacted have even known what was being discussed so they could have a choice in whether or not it was imperative for them to attend this meeting and speak up for their rights as an American citizen?

I am still not clear on this wording other than what has been said to me, that you are voting to get rid of my right to own a rooster.

And I would like a little more time to notify my fellow residents, let them know, there are many rooster owners, obviously if there are five complaints a day there are a ton of rooster owners, and one of the things I didn't go into is the problem of why we have roosters. And the problem is NY state law says we have to get six chickens, so we go to our local Wadeson's, or we go to the local Tractor supply, and I got two the first year. Another year, I was looking at the cute little chickens to make sure they had water at the Tractor Supply, and the woman said, “I got six roosters when I bought mine.” Because they don't sex them. So, the problem really isn't the roosters, the problem is how they are distributing the chickens at Wadeson's, Tractor Supply and all the local stores. So, you can change the law and we are not going to be allowed to have roosters, but when we go and buy our chickens then suddenly, we have to go and kill animals. So, you have to look at that point to, because what am I supposed to do, kill animals I have been raising for three months, until I find out I have a rooster, or two months, or whenever they start crowing. So that's really not fair because I did call Wadeson's when I got my roosters, and I said, “I wanted hens.” And they said, “Oh, too bad.” You know? And that is really the response you get. So, it is not my fault I have roosters. I do happen to love my rooster, I only have one now, but I did at one point have more. And I do know how to make them (not crow as bad), you know, there is a lot of work we have to do as rooster owners, I do not deny that there is work to be done and I am willing to do the work, but I don't think it is fair you are going to take away our right when you are not taking, you're not solving the problem. What you're doing is you're telling us to kill animals. You know. If you want to solve the problem, then address the issue at the start, which is why can't we get female chickens at the local stores. Most people don't know to go to McMurray Hatchery. I didn't realize that, that I can just buy them online. So, you buy them online and it is an extra fifty or a hundred dollars to ship them, and some people don't have that money. If they are raising their own food, they might not have that kind of money, a chicken is a \$1.25. You know, so they can go raise 10 chickens, or nine chickens and a rooster, start feeding their family with the chickens. But now that you are telling us that we can't have our rooster, we can't feed our families. If things get that bad, obviously it's not.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you.

Mart Vahar – How many chickens and how many roosters? Let's see 1,2,3,4,5 roosters and 1 chicken. Let's get rid of the husbands and let's see how the chickens feel the wife, right. So, let's get rid of the roosters so the kids will be without their grandfathers, fathers, brothers, so how about that for a Board Meeting.

Supervisor Sweeton – So is your testimony that's you're against getting rid of the roosters?

Mart Vahar – Yes, that' all I have to say.

Supervisor Sweeton – Ok, thank you.

James McAteer – Resident, Town of Warwick - Do we know how many acres are impacted by the change in the ordinance or how many properties maybe excluded from the ability to have roosters with the change in the ordinance?

Supervisor Sweeton – Not off the top of my head. There's probably in total of the Town of Warwick there's 40 some odd thousand, there's 20 thousand farms, there's another 8,000 acres of black dirt. I don't know, 3 or 4 or 5 thousand.

James McAteer – Arguable that it's significant a portion of the community is a farming community.

Supervisor Sweeton – No, I wouldn't argue that, but ok you made your point.

James McAteer – What's interesting is Section 80-4 pertains to farming and number one says farming is encouraged in the town.

Supervisor Sweeton – Absolutely.

James McAteer – With that context in mind and thinking about how many properties maybe excluded from participating in potentially farming by eliminating roosters it can be quite concerning. When you're talking about changing and amending some of the context and the language that was already mentioned 164-60. Areas in the town that will be directly affected by such a change and what will be affected needs to be considered by the proposed amendment. I just want to make sure that the Board considers the entirety of the properties that could be affected.

Supervisor Sweeton – Absolutely.

James McAteer – How many complaints are we getting? Is it worth affecting a large number of acres or properties for getting a small number of complaints is that really fair? When I dig more into town code around this is really more about noise right?

Supervisor Sweeton – I'm sorry.

James McAteer – This is largely about noise.

Supervisor Sweeton – It's largely about noise and the issue that creates among neighbors.

James McAteer – But the issue is noise, because hens are ok.

Supervisor Sweeton – Correct, you can have a certain number of fowl.

James McAteer – So certain number of fowl and the ones you're trying to eliminate are roosters.

Supervisor Sweeton – Correct.

James McAteer - The reason to eliminate them is for noise.

Supervisor Sweeton – Correct.

James McAteer – So here's a little bit of statistics human conversation is 70 decibels, a barking dog is 90 decibels, a running air conditioner is about 90 decibels, screaming kids are over 100 decibels, neighing horses are around 75 decibels. A rooster is around 90 and we're not getting rid of dogs, we're not getting rid of children, we're not looking to get rid of horses. Horses can be had on a property with how many acres roughly? Five maybe?

Supervisor Sweeton – You can have one horse per 5 acres and an additional horse for 3 additional acres each.

James McAteer – So my concern is why are roosters being eliminated on properties that are 10 acres? That seems quite excessive.

Supervisor Sweeton – Right now that doesn't define that. Those are things that can be considered. For instance, to be a farm we talked about a farm.

James McAteer - Seven acres.

Supervisor Sweeton – Well, 7 acres in New York, but 10 acres in the Town of Warwick.

James McAteer – Understood.

Supervisor Sweeton - That could be one solution, right?

James McAteer – Yup.

Supervisor Sweeton - That's why we are here to listen to all of that, but the subdivision on a 1-acre lot with 20 houses and the neighbor decides to have a couple of roosters running around it can be problematic for the other 19 members of the community, that's all.

James McAteer – Potentially.

Supervisor Sweeton – Correct.

James McAteer – 19 members of the community that moved in with this town code being in existence.

Supervisor Sweeton – Well the complaints aren't from new people that moved in solely, they're not. Believe me or not, but they are not.

James McAteer – I understand.

Supervisor Sweeton – So, it's from all different people.

James McAteer – Going back to noise and what the noise ordinance in Warwick says the noise should not be more than 75 decibels at the property line.

Supervisor Sweeton – Right.

James McAteer – If a rooster crowing and what I want the Board to consider in creating this proposed amendment, if we're trying to prevent the noise it should be below 75 decibels at the property line. With 10 acres of property that is quite excessive, because I live on 4 acres and I have chickens. My neighbor lives on 13 acres and he has chickens and we both have roosters and we both can hear each other's roosters. Mine is no more than 75 decibels at his property line and neither is his to mine, but I would be eliminated from having roosters because I'm on only 4 acres, but the issue of noise is for both neighbors. I also have 150 acres behind me and 150 acres across the street undeveloped. I'm not the issue but a law is being put into place which will prohibit me from having roosters because of noise when in reality my property isn't an issue. It's about noise and we should do a little bit more of a study as to how many properties are being affected and how far does a rooster's crow actually go. Is this a neighborly issue or someone who doesn't have the ability to go talk to their neighbor and say hey your roosters are a little bit loud; can you keep them contained certain hours of the day? I have a hen house where I can control what time the doors open. If we're saying noise has to be a certain level at a certain time, I can keep my roosters locked up.

Supervisor Sweeton – Absolutely.

James McAteer – I think those things should be considered before doing a broad sweep and saying no more roosters in the town, because if you say no roosters they will be killed. No

one is taking these roosters and the Humane Society isn't going to take roosters. Every school district in the Town of Warwick which includes Golden Hill in Florida and the elementary schools hatch chickens. I have taken those chickens from the Town of Warwick and so has someone else who's here with me. If I end up with 20 birds and 13 of them are roosters, I will kill them because no one will take them. That's the ordinance, that's the impact and that ends up happening, so I just want all of those points to be considered.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you, I appreciated it.

Harold Hansen – 65 Foley Road, Warwick, NY – I think everything I've heard is really good and everything she said I agree with. I have 16 chickens or 16 hens and 1 rooster on 3.2 acres. The rooster does make sounds in the morning, but I could keep him contained until about 8:30 in the morning, which does keep him muffled a little bit. Primarily I wasn't doing it for the noise I just didn't feel like getting up that early, but then I would let them out. The thing is it's really starting to sound like there's a neighbor irritating another neighbor and I've seen this before in other towns. I think this is a bad way to go with this, one reason is people are moving into this town like I did 17 years ago and when you sign all of your paperwork there's a document saying that you are moving into a country area, into a farm area.

Supervisor Sweeton – It depends on the area, not everyone has that, it's generally if you're moving next to a farm.

Councilman Shuback – It depends on what's next to you.

Harold Hansen – There's sometimes where I live and I'm pretty high up about 800', but every now and then the wind will come from down by County Route 1 where they are spreading the manure and I smell it when the wind blows a certain way. I don't get on the town and call up and make a complaint because the smell of manure is coming in, excuse me, this is called a country area. You're driving down the road and there's a tractor riding on the road, you've got to deal with this, this is all part of the area. If you don't like it go move to Bergen County, that's fine, that's fine, have the winey people down there. That's where I use to live and it's really a winey bunch of people. I use to be a councilman in towns down there, but I got to tell you they really have to look at this and put it with some kind of equity with dogs and other kinds of animals because they do make a lot of noise. I think the decibel part is very important to look at because I use to live in a neighborhood with a yelping dog, the dog would never shut up and it finally died. I think it yelped itself to death which happens. I think there should be some consideration on both sides when looking at this. There are a lot of people who raise these for eggs and feeding their families, I don't really have to do this and I do really well with this. However, there are people who do this and I think it impacts other area. I think it's something you should look at and I think we're going to be tabling this for another couple of meetings. I think a lot of the chicken owners who are going to be affected by this should be getting together and looking to get more people at the next meeting to back this thing up. I just found out about this at 6:00 p.m. from a text message from a neighbor who's getting chickens. I go down my

driveway and it's a long driveway and to the left of me they're chickens and to the right of me no chickens little kids and they're louder than the chickens. Across the street they just got 12 chickens and they are the ones that sent it to me and they have a rooster that doesn't make any sounds yet, so it's pretty goo yet. The ones to the left I hear his rooster in the morning, it's fine his is louder than mine until I let him out and it beats him up but that's another story. I think our chicken owners have to get together and Michael I rarely come to meetings and do this kind of thing because I've had enough meetings in my life, but I'll stick with this one.

Supervisor Sweeton – I appreciate your comments.

Robert Ginley – I live down on the Vernon border on a 10-lot cul-de-sac and I've been there for 28 years and I have other neighbors that have been there 30 years and almost everybody is over 20. We have a new neighbor that moved in less than 2 years ago. This is my second summer that I can't sit in my backyard because they have a rooster that is going off from 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and now I'm getting text messages from people on Iron Mountain Road who are hearing the rooster all day long. The neighbor doesn't care, so I found out about this coming back down from Albany and I happened to get here on time for the meeting. This is annoying and it's annoying to multiple people. When you have roosters that doesn't bother your neighbors that's fine. If you have 150 acres here and there, but if your there and you have one person who has a rooster and it's affecting 15 neighbors it's an issue.

Supervisor Sweeton – Your situation is a little different and we have taken the position. Your situation was somebody trying to establish a commercial fowl breeding operation on a residential lot. That's not permitted regardless of what we do in the next 2 months, so that's being addressed.

Robert Ginley – I understand that's what the issue is and our initial complaint was the rooster.

Supervisor Sweeton – Correct.

Robert Ginley – Nothings been done about the rooster and the noise is getting worse and now people on Iron Mountain Road that I happen to know and I'm 500' away from this rooster. This isn't 100', I'm 500' away and I can hear it in my backyard like it's 50' away. Now I don't know if the topography echoes where I live but you have a lot of farmers here, they all heard about it today I'm sure if it's made public, you're going to get plenty of people here to complain about roosters. You don't need a rooster to have chickens. Chickens will lay eggs without a rooster, so you can't relate the two that you have to get rid of the hens. You don't need a rooster to have eggs.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you Mr. Ginley.



Chris Kimiecik – I'm pretty sure you missed something. You do need a rooster to have chickens. You can't hatch new chickens unless they're fertilized.

Robert Ginley - Once they lay eggs, they continue to lay eggs.

Chris Kimiecik – What do you think they live for 1,000 years?

Supervisor Sweeton – It's not a debate just express what you want to say.

Chris Kimiecik – I live on 4 acres in the Town of Warwick, I have 3 young children and I started raising chickens. You learn a lot about chickens when you start raising them it's a lot of fun. There's a huge tick problem here and I don't want someone coming and spraying my property for ticks with all kinds of chemicals. Chickens love ticks and I like to let my chickens' free range. If you let your chicken's free range on East Ridge Road where I live and I found this out the hard way you're going to lose all of your chickens very quickly. The roosters protect the flock and you don't need 10 roosters you only need 1 rooster to fertilize the eggs and protect the flock. I feel for you, that would drive me crazy too, but that seems more like an enforcement issue.

Supervisor Sweeton – His situation is totally different and has nothing to do with this.

Chris Kimiecik – Exactly, but the squeaky wheel gets the grease so if people keep coming and nobody enforces the fact that they should be dealing with what they are now we're all going to pay the price.

Supervisor Sweeton – His situation has nothing to do with this.

Chris Kimiecik – Well it does if nobody comes out.

Supervisor Sweeton – His situation was somebody on a house lot in a 10-lot subdivision deciding to create a commercial chicken operation that's illegal.

Chris Kimiecik – But that hasn't been dealt with.

Supervisor Sweeton – And that's being corrected. It wasn't clear because the Town of Warwick is extremely farm friendly. We allow agriculture in every zone in the Town of Warwick and it appeared at first that the gentleman doing what he was trying to do over there was going to be able to do it. It was almost like a loophole until we looked clearly into the code and realized he could not do it. So, it's nothing to do with whether you have a rooster or they have a rooster, it's totally different. His only point was his location not being that far from that piece of property and he heard those roosters all day long, that's all. That's the issue.

Chris Kimiecik – That's no different than a dog right, barking.

Supervisor Sweeton – That’s correct, but we regulate barking dogs. So, if a dog is barking for more than 20 minutes continuously you call the Police Department and they notify Animal Control and those people get sited. We are all use to being like, well I’ll go see my neighbor and ask him to take the dog and have him stop barking right, that’s what we all use to do. Well, a lot of people don’t do that anymore. So, it’s a balance we’re trying to understand of what your needs are and what everybody’s needs are.

Chris Kimiecik – I think it’s about being neighborly and showing a little respect to your neighbor. I think if you’re having a problem after that it should be removed.

Supervisor Sweeton – Absolutely and in a perfect world we would all do that, absolutely.

Chris Kimiecik – But to say no roosters in general, like I said I need a rooster to protect the flock and the kids love seeing the eggs hatch and the fresh chicks every year and then a new batch and that’s not going to happen with roosters.

Supervisor Sweeton – That’s a good point.

Chris Kimiecik – And yes, you can go buy them but, I don’t want to go buy birds I don’t know where they came from and what they’ve been fed. I’m kind of into the organic.

Supervisor Sweeton – Ok, thank you fair enough.

John Barnett – I’ve lived in Warwick my entire life and I never had chickens until a couple of years ago. I don’t have a rooster yet, but I kind of want one because like she was saying times are getting tough now, we had a chicken shortage, we have all sorts of stuff going on bad in this country and it would be nice to breed chickens when you replace them. My birds are 4 years old now and they will stop laying in 1 or 2 years, so I’m going to need more chickens. I would like to have a rooster and do it myself and have my own chicks get hatched that would be really cool. I can go buy them but what if we have bird flu and you can’t go buy them, what if that pops up again? Is a rooster really that loud? I know 20 years ago we had a town ordinance for ATV’s which was 2 neighbors fighting, which was absolutely ridiculous and now we have a town ordinance that you legally can’t ride your 4-wheeler within 500’ of a property line that you don’t have written permission from the owner on. Every time are we going to just cave to one person being annoyed? Like he said too kids are loud, dogs are loud, my lawnmower is loud. What’s the noise ordinance 7:00 a.m.?

John Barnett - So, I can start my lawnmower up at 7:10 a.m. but 1 chicken or 1 rooster come on.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you.

Solveig Umbach – I just found about this this afternoon and I find it very upsetting because we moved up here from the city for the country and for the farming area. My children went to school here and they got little fuzz balls when they hatched the eggs. We have two of them at home and they are called Henry and Henrietta and everybody loved them and they learned a lot from taking care of them. I would hate to see so many children not have the same opportunity. I think the new ordinance is absolutely absurd, I mean we live in the country and I think it's absurd that we have this. I also want to make a point about the acreage. You can have 20 acres and you can put the chicken coop on the edge.

Supervisor Sweeton – No, there is setback requirements for that.

Solveig Umbach – You run into other problems too. You ask them if they have 10 acres, 5 acres, but who tells them where you can put the chicken coop? There are several problems with this.

Supervisor Sweeton – The ordinance tells you how far to put the chicken coop, so there is regulations on that.

Solveig Umbach – But still I hope you can come up with some better solutions for that. That's all my comments for that.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you very much.

Sarah Baxter – I don't have a rooster, but I have the right to have a rooster in this town and that's one of the things I moved here for. I actually closed on my house before the pandemic and I moved here for the country life. I did call the Building Department before hand to talk about my land and what I was allowed and not allowed to have. One of the things I was allowed to have hens and to have a rooster. I think also what really bothers me about this is the fact that I just found out about this about an hour ago and perhaps that's some negligence on my part. I don't know where I should be following up to find out what rules are changing in this town.

Supervisor Sweeton – Again, we try to use the media we have to put out what's happening.

Sarah Baxter – But it was very vaguely worded it seems.

Supervisor Sweeton – The day June 23<sup>rd</sup> when that resolution was passed to hold this hearing these changes go up on the website automatically.

Sarah Baxter – Ok. So, everyone in the Town of Warwick is a potential rooster owner?

Supervisor Sweeton – In theory, sure. I think you need a minimum number of acres.

**Sarah Baxter – So a lot of people, correct someone just talked earlier about how many households there are in Warwick. I'm just saying that it just seems that there's not much information. The whole noise thing, how many complaints are we talking about? Are we greasing the squeaky wheel? I mean I feel like there should be more shared with us residents of the town if you're going to change the rule about what these complaints are. Because it does seem like a lot of them could be just neighbor issues or situational issues that could be resolved on a smaller scale. That was an interesting point about having the 10 acres and having a setback. You said you needed 10 acres to have a rooster, right? The setback currently is 100'?**

**??? – 5 feet.**

**Sarah Baxter – 5 feet, so I could just put my rooster on the edge of my 10 acres and that's not going to change the noise that's produced from it. I just don't think you're going about this the correct way. Also, I'm an animal lover, I'm a vegetarian and I would hate to think of all the people having to kill their roosters because you decided you don't want roosters for what reason. I'm not really hearing a really strong reason. I keep hearing a noise violation that you're not giving me numbers or facts about how many violations were having or where they are coming from, what kind of neighborhoods, acreage and stuff like that. I think that like she said everyone in the township should be informed about this and more people should have the right to make a decision about this and I think it's wrong.**

**Supervisor Sweeton – Ok, thank you.**

**Joe Pillmeier – 274 Round Hill Road – I've had neighbors who've had chickens for years. Like Chris I was born and raised here in Florida, New York. I don't know if this is the proper place to bring this up Michael? I had gone to the workshop back in April and folks if you want noise, you should have a solid waste facility located in your residential neighborhood. What I have is an oil tank company that produces a lot of noise.**

**Supervisor Sweeton – Joe can we do that later in the meeting?**

**Joe Pillmeier - Absolutely, absolutely.**

**Supervisor Sweeton – This is the hearing on the chicken.**

**Joe Pillmeier – Ok, I wondered about that.**


**Supervisor Sweeton – We'll give you an opportunity.**

**Joe Pillmeier – ok, thank you. My experience with chickens' folks count your blessings because 1 chicken yeah, I know it's loud. I had a neighbor with a lot of fowl years ago and he was very close to me and it was very upsetting, but it was an elderly neighbor and after talking to Mike years ago he pointed that out. That's all the old guy had. Maybe we**

should try and get along as neighbors and accept that 1 rooster it probably wasn't that big of a deal.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you Joe. We will take written comments until the 18<sup>th</sup> of August and you can drop it off, you can e-mail it however you want to do it. If you want to put in additional comments because this is all on the record and well hold this hearing open until the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be adjourned until the next Town Board Meeting on August 18, 2022. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 8:16 p.m.**  
07-14-22 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 Proposed Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2022 entitled, "Amend Chapter 164 "Zoning" Clarify several definitions and other minor modifications". Said public hearing to be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

A complete copy of the Introductory Local Law is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office and/or the Town of Warwick website, [townofwarwick.org](http://townofwarwick.org).

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

DATED: June 29, 2022

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