

COCHECTON TOWN BOARD, JUNE 16. 2011
PUBLIC HEARINGS LOCAL LAWS # 1, # 2, and # 3, OF 2011

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A recessed meeting of the Town of Cochection was held on June 16, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Cochection Town Hall with the following members present:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:06PM.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Richard Schulman
Councilperson Anna Story

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk John J. Keating - Attorney
Gregg Semenetz --CEO Sharron Cardone –Planning Board Chair

Town Clerk read the legal notice, which was published in both the River Reporter and Sullivan County Democrat

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was to open the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law # 1 of 2011. Time 7:08 PM. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

ADOPTED – AYES:4 **NAYS: 0** Councilperson Richardson absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Grund, Schulman and Story

Supervisor Maas said the Town Board received one hand written letter and numerous e-mails. All Town Board members have copies. This meeting will be comments from the public with no comments from the board.

Persons that spoke regarding the proposed Local Law # 1 of 2011 updating the Town of Cochection Comprehensive Plan were: Laurie McFadden, Brenda Seldin. Voiced their concerns with the language, and would like the town to reconsider that all language re: gas drilling is stricken from the law.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was to open the P.H. regarding proposed Local Law # 2 of 2011 regarding the Town of Cochection Sub-division Plan and to hold open the P.H. regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Time 7:18 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

Others that spoke regarding the proposed Local Law # 1 of 2011; and proposed Local Law # 2 of 2011 were: Peter Glick, Steven Gerard, Ted Haber, Jeffrey Rose, Dave Storchak, Edna Calkin, Mary Ellen Hubbard, Neil Fitzgerald, Grace Van Hulsteyn, Mitchell Heany, Mark Schwartz. All voiced there concerns regarding language in the Comprehensive Plan. Would like the Town Board to remove all language regarding gas drilling; and start the process over, omitting gas drilling in the town altogether.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to close the P.H. regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Time 7:35 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to open the P.H. re: proposed Local Law # 3 of 2011 Town of Cochection Zoning Law. Time 7:36 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

On the Subdivision Law: Peter Glick spoke again; voicing his concerns with the language.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Story, the following motion was to close the P. H. regarding the Local Law # 2 of 2011, Subdivision. Time 7:42 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

Persons that spoke regarding the proposed Local Law # 3 of 2011; Town of Cochection Zoning Law were: Jane Roth, Jeffrey Rose, Michael Lebron, Joan Glase, Laurie McFadden, Mitchell Heany, Grace Van Hulsteyn, Grace Depasquale, Allan Rubin, Rocky Pinciotti., Mary Ellen Hubbard, Matthew Solomon, Laurie McFadden, Steven Gerard, Peter Glick. All voiced their concerns regarding language and other issues as well. E-mails and hand written letters will be contained in a file at the Town Clerk's office that were read at the P.H. June 16, 2011 as well as other e-mails received that were not read publicly.

William Boucher spoke in favor of gas drilling

Pamela DeMan, interested in hearing from the people, had not seen anyone at functions in the town or working for the town.

More persons spoke regarding proposed Local law # 3 of 2011. Allan Rubin, Mary Ellen Hubbard, Ted Haber, Michael Lebron, Mitchell Heany, Neil Fitzgerald, Brenda Selden and Leslie Valiunas. All voiced concerns regarding language and want the Town Board to stop gas drilling anywhere in the town. Some were worried about their property values should drilling come into the town. Some thought the town should start over with another Planner, as most objected to having Thomas Shepstone updating the laws.

Supervisor thanked the public for their orderly conduct. The Town Board will review the comments very seriously, will let the public know when the next meeting will be; probably not until the next regular Town Board meeting.

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All persons desiring to be heard have been heard.

MOTION: On motion by councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following motion was to close the Public Hearings and to adjourn this meeting. Time 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk