

MAY 14, 2015 – PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes of a public hearing of the Town Board Town of Somers held on Thursday evening May 14, 2015 at 7:15 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Morrissey
 Councilman Richard G. Clinchy
 Councilman Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.
 Councilman William G. Faulkner

ABSENT: Councilman Anthony J. Cirieco

Also present were Kathleen R. Pacella, Town Clerk, Patricia Kalba, Deputy Town Clerk and Roland A. Baroni, Jr., Town Attorney.

The Supervisor explained that this was a public hearing with regard to a proposed Local Law to consider adding Chapter 135 entitled Property Maintenance to the Code of the Town of Somers.

The Town Clerk presented affidavit of public notice of the public hearing that appeared in the Somers Record on April 30, 2015 and posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board the same day.

The Supervisor declared the hearing open and asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Richard Nash, Somers Litter Task Force, said that they were trying very diligently to beautify the Town. He thanked the Board for all of their support and all that they did to make the cleaning of the Town easier. Councilman Faulkner thanked Mr. Nash and the rest of the Task Force for everything that they did for the Town. The Supervisor thanked Mr. Nash for adopting Lake Road and for all of the time he put into cleaning up that area. Mr. Nash said that he felt that if this was enforced with fines it would make people think before they litter and keep their properties clean. Councilman Garrity said that he applauded the efforts of Mr. Nash and Ms. Moravick for all of the efforts getting the Task Force started. Mr. Nash said that they did form a Not-For-Profit Organization and they were hoping to get people to support that so that they can continue their efforts.

Councilman Garrity asked if this was indicating that if there was an abandoned house the Town could find out the cost of repairing it and place a lien on the residence. The Town Attorney explained that this Local Law was with regard to property maintenance. He said that it piggybacked on the New States Building Maintenance Code. Councilman Garrity asked if it addressed the yards. The Town Attorney said that it addressed the yards as well. He explained that New York State Building Code had everything that the Town wanted except for the ability to Lien and that was what the Local Law did for the Town.

There being no one else to be heard on motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Garrity, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:25 PM

Town Clerk