

**Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees – Public Hearing
Monday, August 5, 2024, at 6:45 p.m.**

Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustee Williams, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Cutler
Absent: Trustee Carpenter

Present: Nasrene Haj, Jeanie Mullen, Kyle Cozzens, Frank Burkhardt, David Earsing, Sarah Pope, Steve Davie, Jim Thatcher.

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**Summary**

The meeting discussed the regulation of properties owned by the village, particularly regarding camping and permitted uses. The board considered implementing rules to prevent undesirable activities in the park area and to regulate fire pits and barbecue grills.

**Outline**

**1. Regulation of Village-Owned Properties •**

- The board discussed the need to regulate properties owned by the village, particularly in the Yacht Basin and near the park area.
- There was a proposal to add rules to protect the village and allow public input on the matter.
- The village board adopted a resolution and local law.

**Resolution 7 of 2024-2025**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING**  
**REGULATING USE OF VILLAGE OWNED REAL PROPERTY**

**Motion by:** Trustee Boucher, seconded by Trustee Williams. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Dated:** August 5, 2024

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote public health, safety and welfare of the community within the Village of Fort Edward (the “Village”) the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the public interest to consider adoption of a local law regulating usage of Village owned property including parks and other lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees worked on draft regulations concerning the use of Village owned lands resulting in a local law regulating such usage of Village owned real property in the Village of Fort Edward; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly posted and then published in *The Post Star*, the official newspaper of the Village of Fort Edward pursuant to and in conformance with Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Village Law; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak concerning the proposed local law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby introduces the local law regulating use of Village owned property; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the consideration of this local law is an action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the Board of Trustees declares that this action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(33) and the action is hereby precluded from further environmental review; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees upon due deliberation of the proposed local law and the comments presented at the public hearing, finds that the adoption of the same shall be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Village; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the proposed local law, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this resolution, is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Department of State; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Trustee Williams, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Cutler

NAYS:

ABSENT: Trustee Carpenter

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Janelle Rose, Village Clerk  
Village of Fort Edward

**2. Enforcement of Local Law on Camping •**

- Prior to the recent draft, there were no regulations for camping on village property.
- The discussion focused on the enforcement of local law to prevent camping, with a maximum duration of two days if permitted.

**3. Regulation of Fire Pits and Barbecue Grills •**

- The conversation touched on the regulation of fire pits and barbecue grills, including the establishment of rules for their use on village-owned properties.
- There was a consideration for permitting specific types of use and setting guidelines for fire-related activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janelle Rose, Clerk-Treasurer