

Village of Fort Edward

Public Hearing for Resolutions #37 and #38 of 2023-2024

🌟 Summary

The meeting extensively covered topics ranging from the abolition of the village justice position, regulation of village-owned real property for camping.

Roll Call

Present: Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Cutler, Deputy Mayor Williams

Absent: Mayor Traver

📄 Outline

1. Abolition of Village Justice Position • 00:00:09

- Introduced a local law to abolish the village justice position in Fort Edward.
- Decision made in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers.
- Resolution to take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution #37

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF VILLAGE JUSTICE OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD PURSUANT TO NEW YORK VILLAGE LAW §3-301(2)(A)

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Date:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has studied the continuance of the position of village justice of the Village of Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has arrived at the difficult decision to consider abolishing the position of village justice of the Village of Fort Edward pursuant to New York Village Law §3-301(2)(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Village Law §3-301(2)(a), to abolish the position of village justice of the Village of Fort Edward, a local law subject to permissive referendum must be adopted; and

WHEREAS, a draft local law abolishing the position of village justice of the Village of Fort Edward effective upon the expiration of the current term of village justice on March 31, 2025 pursuant to New York Village Law §3-301(2)(a) has been drafted, and the Board of Trustees scheduled a public hearing on the proposed abolishment of the position of village justice of the Village of Fort Edward to be effective March 31, 2025; 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 abolishing the position of Village Justice pursuant to New York Village Law §3-301(2)(a) upon the expiration of the current term of office on March 31, 2025 in the Village of Fort Edward; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds that the proposed local law abolishing the position of Village Justice pursuant to New York Village Law §3-301(2)(a) upon the expiration of the current term of office on March 31, 2025 in the Village of Fort Edward to be in the best interests of the residents, inhabitants and guests of the people of the Village of Fort Edward; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed local law, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted, subject to publication of notice of permissive referendum, and if a valid and complete petition for referendum is so filed in accordance with law, the holding of such referendum; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Local Law shall take effect upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State, subject to permissive referendum as provided above, with the effective date as noted in said Local Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT: 4

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

{Seal}

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2. Regulation of Village-Owned Real Property for Camping • 00:04:47

- Allowed camping on village property for cyclists using the Empire State Trail.
- Consideration of camping facilities at the yacht basin with limited nights and a permit system.
- Concerns about potential issues with public camping and the need for clear regulations.

Resolution #38

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REGULATING USE OF VILLAGE OWNED REAL PROPERTY

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Date:

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 Town of Ticonderoga; 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:2

NAYS:2

ABSENT:1

{Seal}

Janelle Rose, Village Clerk

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