

Public Hearing – Chapter 93, “Freshwater Wetlands and Watercourses,” to fully implement changes in Chapter 175

September 25, 2013

The Town Board held a Public Hearing on the above date at 7:50 p.m. on a proposed **LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 93, “FRESHWATER WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES,” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN IN ORDER TO FULLY IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN CHAPTER 175, “ZONING,” TO IMPLEMENT THE RE-DESIGNATION OF THE TOWN’S CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL AS CONSERVATION BOARD, AND TO BRING CHAPTER 93 INTO CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE TOWN CODE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

PRESENT:

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
David Merandy	Councilman

Town Clerk Merando read the Public Notice.

Supervisor Shea stated that this proposed local law is something the Town refers to often, as there are a lot of wetlands throughout the Town. Again this law addresses the designation of the Wetlands Inspector as the Natural Resource Officer. Page 6 is a major section of the law, the distinction between a major and a minor project. Page 10 of the law gives the Natural Resource Officer more leeway in making a field judgment. This is an effort to prevent someone from getting caught up in a process they don’t belong in. He noted that most of this law existed in the town code prior to this change.

Mary Ellen Finger sited page 6 addressing the last wetland’s map dated January 9, 2001, asking if there has been a revision to the map since then.

There being no further comments from the public, Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk