

Public Hearing/Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
5:30pm and 5:45pm

This meeting is being held “in-person” in Town Hall. The access information for the meeting has been posted and there are members of the public present virtually.

Members Present: Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski, Councilperson Judd, and Councilperson Sullivan.

Present: Deputy Town Clerk Liana Gaston

Public Hearing

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Hearing at 5:30pm and states that this Public Hearing is being conducted in person but is also accessible via Google Meet. This Public Hearing is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days. Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 3 of 2023 A Local Law to Enact a Six-month Moratorium on Major Subdivisions in the Town of Copake. The law has been posted. The Town Board has received word from The Columbia County Planning Board and the Town of Copake Planning Board.

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Forum.

There was a brief discussion regarding the time frame of the Local Law.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that Bob Haight, one of the members of the Housing and Zoning Review Board is here and asks for a framework of when a report or recommendations from the Housing and Zoning Review for the March 9, 2023 Town Board meeting and mentions scheduling a workshop.

Call to Order

At 5:45pm, Supervisor Mettler calls the Special Town Board meeting to order and opens the Special Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Mettler starts the Special Town Board Meeting with discussing the Local Law and states that the Public Hearing has been had and no one appeared to speak and asks Attorney Dow to inform the Town Board of the local law which he does. Attorney Dow also discusses the SEQRA section of the local law with the Town Board.

Supervisor Mettler offers the following Resolution which was seconded by Councilperson Wolf;

RESOLUTION Number 7 of February 28, 2023

To Enact a Local Law entitled “Town of Copake Major Subdivision Moratorium Law” as Local Law Number 3 of 2023.

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law to Enact a Six-month Moratorium on Major Subdivisions in the Town of Copake entitled “Town of Copake Major Subdivision Moratorium Law” was introduced and presented in its final form at a meeting of the Copake Town Board on February 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake, as lead agency, issued a negative declaration under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, such proposed Local Law was referred to the Columbia County Planning Board for review pursuant to General Municipal Law section 239-m; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 21, 2023, the Columbia County Planning Board reviewed and considered such proposed Local Law pursuant to GML § 239-m and issued that the proposed action has no significant county-wide or inter-community impact and may be enacted by a simple majority; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Local Law was duly noticed and held by the Copake Town Board on February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and is enacted in accordance with such Law;

It is hereby RESOLVED,

That the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby enacts a Local Law entitled “Town of Copake Major Subdivision Moratorium Law” and designated Local Law No. 3 of 2023, a copy of which is annexed to and made a part of this Resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Resolution No. 7	Supervisor Mettler	yes
Dated February 28, 2023	Councilperson Wolf	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk
Dated February 28, 2023

All in favor. Resolution approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2023, A Local Law to Enact a Six-month Moratorium on Major Subdivisions in the Town of Copake.

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler advises the Town Board that before going into Executive Session there is some new business to discuss.

Supervisor Mettler states that Amy Lawton has brought to the Town Hall an application for 30-Day Notice with regard to her application on behalf of Zinnia's Dinette for a wine, beer, and cider.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the 30-Day Notice as it pertains to the on premises liquor license application for Zinnia's Dinette Inc. and to communicate to the NYS Liquor Authority that the Town of Copake has no objections to the granting of the liquor license as requested.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that this morning, information from Consolidated Communications was sent to the Town Board in regard to the telephone system upgrade for the Town Hall, the Highway Garage, and the Park building.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Supervisor Mettler to approve the agreements with Consolidated Communications subject to the review of the Town Attorney.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that she has distributed an updated Cash and Fund Balance and Actual to Budget Report for January 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to approve the Cash and Fund Balance and the Budget to Actual Report and to post them online.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

All in favor. Motion approved.

At 6:45pm, a motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to come out of Executive Session.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that there were no decisions made in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Kaya Sindler as the Director of the Summer Program at a salary of \$4,000.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Supervisor Mettler to appoint Dakota Curtsinger as the Assistant Director of the Summer Program at a salary of \$3,500.

A motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to authorize the Supervisor to purchase a laptop for up to \$1,700, if deemed necessary by the Supervisor, to be used by the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, Gwen Menshenfriend.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Judd and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly
Town Clerk