

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
September 18, 2014
Public Hearing on Consolidated Zoning Law**

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| Present: | Supervisor Arthur Bassin | Councilman James Miller |
| | Councilman Hugh Clark | Councilman Chris Thomas |
| | Councilwoman Madeline Israel | Deputy Clerk Ruth Wittlinger |

The Public Hearing on the Consolidated Zoning Law was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Arthur Bassin who noted that the hearing had been properly noticed in the official Town Newspapers.

Mr. Bassin stated that there are copies of the law for the public to read but that if anyone wishes to have a copy for their own, there is a charge of \$15.00 for printing.

Mr. Hugh Clark, Zoning Revisions Chair, said that the objective of the zoning revisions Committee was to update the 1972 zoning law and bring it into alignment with the 2010 comprehensive plan. This work to produce the revised zoning law was done by 13 volunteers, meeting on a weekly basis for four and a half years. The zoning revisions were done in five different packages, each of which had been previously subject to public hearings and town board approval. The Committee decided to do the revisions this way to make the revisions easier to deal with and understand. This consolidated zoning law integrates and consolidates the five previously adopted amendments to the 1972 law into one local law. The 1972 zoning law was a town ordinance derived from NYS Town Law. The 2014 document will be a Local Law for the Town of Ancram.

Mr. Bassin stated that this document has been submitted to and approved by the Columbia County Planning Board. Next month the board will do a SEQRA review and consider adopting the revised zoning law.

Mr. Bassin opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Mr. Jack Seiber gave commendations to the committee and to Mr. Clark for all of the amount of time and work.

Mr. Bassin feels that this is an excellent consolidation and integration of all the previously adopted packages of amendments.

Mr. Gary Delemeester asked if once adopted, will there be training. Mr. Clark stated yes, that the planning, zoning and building departments have already had some training sessions. They will need two to three more. He stressed that it is very critical for all of this to go smoothly.

Mr. Bassin, seeing that there were no more comments, asked for a motion to close the public hearing at 6:30 pm. A motion was made to that effect by Councilman Miller and seconded by Councilwoman Israel. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ruth Wittlinger
Deputy Town Clerk