

Minutes of March 8, 2022, Germantown Town Board Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Present via Zoom: Councilmember Suarez

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the Public Hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Councilman Sullivan commented that they amended Local Law No.1 of 2022 with the slight changes to mechanical ventilation and giving a grace period to June 30, 2022 before switchover. Corinne said the changes were made in accordance with NYSERDA guidance.

Supervisor Helsley said they can't take action at this meeting.

Supervisor Helsley asked again for any comments from the public.

Patty Hinkein is concerned about affordable housing.

Supervisor Helsley is in support of building to the highest standards but he doesn't feel the government should mandate it.

Patty Hinkein asked if modular homes applied to the Stretch Code? Supervisor Helsley wasn't sure and will try to reach out to Alvarez Homes.

Corinne will look into if the Stretch Code applies to modular homes.

Tony Albino agrees with Patty Hinkein in regards to affordable housing. Tony also feels the fees for solar ties in with the stretch code and is putting more burden on the homeowner.

Councilman Christian said the NYSERDA document and tables that explains where they came up with the 1-2%. Councilman Christian will email the NYSERDA document to Tony and Patty.

Councilmember Suarez read some public comments that she had received. A letter from Phil Tillou contractor/owner of Hudson Valley Interior Exterior is in favor of the Stretch Code. David Crawford, Crawford & Associates recommends the Town adopts the Stretch Code.

Brandon Mullins asked Councilmember Suarez to email him the public comments.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Vale