

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Local Law to Amend the Enforcement Provision of Local Law #1 of 2007, which provides for  
administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

TOWN OF ULYSSES

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September 23, 2014

Audio of the minutes are available on the website at [ulysses.ny.us](http://ulysses.ny.us).

The meeting was held at the Ulysses Town Hall at 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor- Liz Thomas

Board members- Rich Goldman, John Hertzler, Nancy Zahler, David Kerness

Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Attorney for the Town- Mariette Geldenhuys

Code Enforcement Officer- Alex Rachun

Deputy Supervisor- Michelle Wright

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Diane Hillmann, Bonze Anne Rose Blayk, Dave Gell, Phil Antweiler

Mr. Goldman made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:37pm, seconded by Ms. Zahler.

Ms. Thomas noted the purpose of the Public Hearing: to give residents the opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposed law, a Local Law to Amend the Enforcement Provision of Local Law #1 of 2007, which provides for administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

Ms. Thomas opened the public hearing and made the following statement:

Specifically, this local law allows the town of Ulysses government to have additional tools to encourage property owners to clean up and maintain neglected properties. In 2007 the Town passed a local law to implement enforcement of the State Building and Fire Prevention Codes. The Town Board is taking action to amend this law to provide the Town with more tools to address unsafe structures and properties with significant exterior maintenance violations, such as accumulation of junk on a property. In the most serious cases, if all other existing strategies fail to correct chronic problems, the new law would enable the Town to make the needed repairs and then add those costs to the owner's property tax bill, a legal remedy used in other local towns. In case of unsafe structures, the town could arrange to have the building demolished and those costs assessed back to the property owner. This law applies only to town, not village residents.

She continued with the following:

- The hearing date was set by town board resolution on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.
- The legal notice of the hearing was published in the Ithaca Journal on Monday, Sept. 15, 2014.
- The affidavit of publication was presented.
- Comments on this proposal will be taken until Oct. 7.

Ms. Hillmann and Mr. Antweiler expressed their support for the law.

With no further comments, Mr. Kerness made a motion to close the hearing at 6:44pm, seconded by Mr. Goldman.

*Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, 9/25/14*