

Town of Yates Public Hearing and  
Workshop Meeting  
8 South Main Street, Lyndonville, NY 14098  
March 5, 2018, 5:30PM

Present: Jim Simon, Supervisor  
Wes Bradley, Councilman  
Jim Whipple, Councilman  
Harold Suhr, Councilman  
Michele Harling, Town Clerk

Excused: John Riggi, Councilman

Others: Larry Wolfe  
Howard Pierce  
Paul Lauricella  
Richard Pucher

Supervisor Simon called the first Public Hearing to order for the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2018 known as A Local Law Repealing the Town Dog Control Law at 5:32PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published in the Batavia Daily News on February 23, 2018 and posted at the Yates Town Hall and on the Town of Yates website.

The purpose of such Public Hearing is to discuss the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2018 known as A Local Law Repealing the Town Dog Control Law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Howard Pierce, Town of Yates, felt that the County would do a better job because they have people already hired and that they are ready to go.

Paul Lauricella, Town of Yates, thought that it would be better to keep dog control local because there would be better response time and service as opposed to calling the County. He said that government programs always grow and that if this is more than the County expected, in a year we may be paying more than if we kept it locally.

Supervisor Simon said that the County is taking over the dog control process with the Town's support.

Councilman Bradley added that if we have an issue now, we call the County. With the County taking over the process Countywide, they don't need to learn every single municipality's laws; they'll have a better understanding with one uniform law.

Councilman Whipple said that the County Law addresses dogs running coyotes across private property which has been a problem for the Town of Yates.

Supervisor Simon said that the County Law allows for citing someone who doesn't have control over their dogs and gives law enforcement the ability to handle those types of situations.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 41-3/18**

#### **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF YATES LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2018 KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW REPEALING THE TOWN DOG CONTROL LAW**

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing at 5:43PM.

Offered by Councilman Whipple, who moved its adoption  
Seconded by Councilman Bradley

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Riggi)

Motion: Carried

Supervisor Simon called the second Public Hearing to order for the adoption of Local Law #3 of 2018 known as A Local Law Extending Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans at 5:44PM.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Howard Pierce, Town of Yates, said that he is a veteran and he supports extending the Cold War Veterans Exemption.

Paul Lauricella, Town of Yates, said that he cares about the Veterans but that if we offered less tax cuts for people, that the rates could be reduced for everyone. He added that he thinks that everyone deserves a tax break.

Councilman Whipple said that Paul has a very good point about tax abatements. He said that PILOTS are not the biggest abatement of taxes, exemptions like not-for-profit and other such exemptions are. He added that fee based taxes are one way to recover revenue abated by exemptions and that they help to level the playing field.

**RESOLUTION NO. 42-3/18**

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF YATES LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2018 KNOWN AS A LOCAL LAW EXTENDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS**

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing at 5:50PM.

Offered by Councilman Whipple, who moved its adoption  
Seconded by Councilman Bradley

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Riggi)

Motion: Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Supervisor Simon, Whereas there is no new business to be brought before the Board, the meeting be adjourned at 5:51PM.

Seconded by Councilman Suhr

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Riggi)

Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Harling  
Yates Town Clerk