

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 120 North Main Street, Liberty, New York, in said Town, on the 17th day of January, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Barbuti and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Supervisor Charlie Barbuti
Councilperson Dean Farrand
Councilperson Brian McPhillips
Councilperson Russell Reeves
Councilperson Vincent McPhillips

ABSENT:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilperson Dean Farrand, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Supervisor Charlie Barbuti, to wit:

WHEREAS, following the adoption by the Town Board in 2011 of certain amendments to the Town's Zoning Law it became evident to the Town Board that such amendments warranted reconsideration and additional amendments might be warranted in order that the Zoning Law be more responsive to the vision and needs of the Town and its inhabitants concerning future growth and development of the Town; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 the Town Board has received input, advice and recommendations from the community as the result of numerous meetings of the Town Board and numerous meetings of various committees representing the hamlets within the Town; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Town Board engaged Saratoga Associates and Behan Planning and Design as consultants to assist and advise the Town Board with respect to amending the Zoning Law, as well as the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and with respect to the process and procedure to implement such amendments, including environmental assessment of any action taken; and

WHEREAS, various concepts for amendments to the Zoning Law and the Comprehensive Plan were developed with the assistance of the Town’s consultants and presented by such consultants to the Town Board and the public at certain informational meetings of the Town Board at which public comment was received; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s consultants have presented to the Town Board formal versions of proposed amendments to the Zoning Law and the Comprehensive Plan that the Town Board is satisfied are suitable for introduction, together with a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement with respect thereto that the Town Board is prepared to accept, all toward the end of conducting a public hearing and receiving public comment thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a proposed amendment to the 2008 Liberty Joint (Town and Village) Comprehensive Plan, entitled “Appendix I, An Update to the Land Use Element of the Town of Liberty, NY Comprehensive Plan” dated December 14, 2016, is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that introductory Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2017 entitled “A local law amending the Code of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County,

New York, with respect to Zoning” is hereby introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York, does hereby accept the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) with respect to Proposed Updates to the Zoning Code, Subdivision Code and Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County, New York, dated December 2016, as prepared by Behan Planning and Design and Saratoga Associates, a copy of which shall be filed with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed comprehensive plan amendment, the aforesaid local law and the aforesaid Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement, be laid upon the desk of each member of the Town Board, and that copies thereof also be filed with the Town Clerk who shall maintain them in her office where they shall be available for public review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposed comprehensive plan amendment and the aforesaid local law be referred to the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management for review and recommendation in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law §239-m; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hold a combined public hearing on the aforesaid proposed comprehensive plan amendment, the aforesaid local law and the aforesaid Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement at Liberty High School Auditorium 125 Buckley St, Liberty, New York, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, on February 27, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk post on her official signboard and publish or cause to be published a public notice in the Sullivan County Democrat, of the aforesaid public hearing at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto, which public notice the Town Clerk shall also publish or cause to be published in the New York State Environmental Notice Bulletin and otherwise distribute as required by applicable law or regulation.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, resulting as follows:

Supervisor Charlie Barbuti voting	AYE
Councilperson Dean Farrand voting	AYE
Councilperson Russell Reeves voting	AYE
Councilperson Brian McPhillips voting	AYE
Councilperson Vincent McPhillips voting	AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.