

**A Public Hearing was held Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York**

**PRESENT:** Philip Crandall, Supervisor  
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman  
James C. Youmans, Councilman  
Kenneth C. Burns, Councilman  
Daniel D. Baker, Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk  
John Cashin, Code Enforcement Officer  
Paul Pastore, Attorney to the Town

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Supervisor Crandall opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03pm.

**NOTICE  
OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2018**

**A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO A CLEAN AIR LAW.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans will hold a Public Hearing on August 23, 2018 beginning at 6:00pm at Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, NY concerning Proposed Local Law # 2 of 2018 as described above.

A copy of Proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available on the Town website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested parties will be heard at this time and place.

**By Order of the Town Board  
Of the Town of Coeymans  
Cindy L. Rowzee  
Town Clerk**

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(the text of Local Law #2 of 2018 can be found in the minutes of the July 26, 2018 Town Board Meeting)

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Supervisor Crandall opened the floor for public Comment.

**Judith Enck**, a resident of Rensselaer County and previous Regional Administrator for the EPC, stood and mentioned that she has worked in this field for 35 years and has expertise on environmental issues. Ms. Enck stated that she is there to support this local law and mentioned the incident this past December where there was the potential for Connecticut to send about 1/3 of their solid waste to LaFarge/Holcim to be burned. She showed a document that she received from Connecticut through a Freedom of Information request that stated that LaFarge/Holcim had been contacted in this matter and that they were serious and had indicated a willingness to burn the trash there. This would be a major source of air pollution as only 9% of plastics are recycled and that number is going down. She stated that this law was well written and that it would protect us against something like this happening. Ms. Enck stated that local governments have the authority to pass laws such as this and that this would be the best protection in the future.

**Christine Primomo**, a resident of the Town of Coeymans, stood and stated that she was here in December and was horrified by the proposal and that Judith Enck had said it all. She also added that along with the pollution from the burning of trash would have been the extra truck traffic. She applauded the Town Board for taking this step. Ms. Primomo also mentioned an expanded ban on polystyrenes that Dan McCoy at the county is working on right now.

**Barbara Heinzen**, a New Baltimore resident and a Coeymans land owner, stood and read a letter from Richard Webster, Legal Program Director for Riverkeeper. This was a letter in support of the town passing this legislation in taking preventative measure to prevent the burning of trash and incineration in such close proximity to the Hudson River, Coeymans Creek and Hannacroix Creek. Ms. Heinzen stated that she supports the law as well and feels that Coeymans can become an example to other communities.

**Sylvia Lawler**, a resident of Coeymans and chair of the Coeymans Conservation Advisory Council, stood and echoed the others in applauding the law. She mentioned that we have 4 out of 5 of the State's worst polluters in close proximity to the Town and she applauded the Town Board for their common sense in putting forth this law.

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Councilman Dolan asked that the record be held open until the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> for people who may have documentation that would helpful for the Town Board. He mentioned that they could e-mail or drop off any information for the Town Board to consider.

Councilman Youmans asked that if anyone had a friend that could not make it that night to submit their say in writing. He referred to the meeting in December and mentioned that he had not heard from one person who wanted to allow the burning of trash.

Supervisor Crandall stated that he had met with Mr. Fletcher from Lafarge who had stated that they had no intention of burning the trash. Supervisor Crandall said that they were trying to look at both sides and do what is best for the people of the Town.

At 6:15 Supervisor Crandall stated that as there were no other comments they would take a brief recess.

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The Public Hearing reconvened at 6:58pm. As there were no other comments Supervisor Crandall adjourned this to the next meeting in September for anyone who would like to write in with comments. He asked the Board if there were any objections, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

Time – 7:00pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

APPROVED – AS PRESENTED ON 9/13/2018

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Cindy L. Rowzee, Town Clerk