

Public Hearing

**Amend Chapter 10A
Flood Damage Prevention**

July 26, 2010

5:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Reiter; Councilmembers Marra, Palmer, Winkley; WWTP Chief Oper. Lockhart; Building Inspector Masters; Highway Superintendent Janese, Town Attorney Dowd, Director of Finance Johnson; 2 residents; 1 Press and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing – 5:45 p.m.

Supervisor asked Clerk to read the Public Notice into the record.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston, New York on 26th of July, 2010 beginning at 5:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, to amend Chapter 10A of the Town Code entitled, Flood Damage Prevention, in its entirety by Local law No. 1 of 2010 which provides for promoting public health, safety and general welfare by establishing provisions to protect against public and private damage or loss due to flood conditions in specific areas of the Town. A copy of the entire text of the law is on file in the Town Clerk's office where it may be examined during normal business hours. All persons of interest will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Town Board

June 28, 2010

Attorney Dowd explained the necessary process. FEMA recently re-mapped the floodplain map using more accurate elevation than used in the past. As a result of this they will be adopting new floodplain maps. These maps determine which residents are located in floodplains, which in turn will require flood insurance.

The Town is required to adopt the new flood maps. If the Town doesn't the residents lose the ability to participate in the flood insurance program. Approximately 40 residents in the Town are now out of the floodplains.

With the changing of the map, it changed some of the technical parts of the Local Law. Therefore the law has been changed. Dowd says it is nearly identical to the Local Law in place from 1987. It will be repealed and replaced with Local Law No. 1 – 2010, in order to ensure that residents continue to get flood insurance if needed, and change some of the technical ways our enforcement officer makes sure things are properly built to code.

The law needs to be filed before September 17th.

Reiter said the law has been in the Clerk's Office for 30-days. To date, no written comments have been received.

Reiter invited resident's comments. There were none.

No Board members commented.

Reiter asked Department heads for comments.

Masters feels the Town is fortunate that the floodplain looks the way it does. The surrounding towns have several additional properties now located in the flood zone area.

Winkley MOVED to close the Public Hearing, Seconded by Marra and Carried 4 – 0.

Winkley MOVED to adjourn, Seconded by Marra and Carried 4 – 0.

Minutes Transcribed and Respectfully submitted by,