

**PRESENT:** Deputy Supervisor Catlin; Councilmembers Bax, Marra, Palmer and Winkley; Town Attorneys Dowd and Davis; Building Inspector Masters; WWTP Chief Oper. Ritter; Engineer Smith; Police Chief Salada; Finance Officer Johnson; 2 Press; 11 Residents and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

**EXCUSED:** Supervisor Reiter

Deputy Supervisor opened the Public Hearing.

Please take notice that the Lewiston Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 5:45 pm at the Lewiston Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston NY for the purpose of considering a Local Law to amend Chapter 30, Article XXV of the Town Code of the Town of Lewiston. The proposed ordinance is for “Temporary not-for-profit” community advertising. All persons interested in said proposed Local Law will be heard. A copy of the proposed Law may be viewed at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall during normal business hours.

By Order Of The Town Board  
March 25, 2013

Addition is as follows:

#### Temporary Promotional Signs

Signs advertising fund raisers and community events or other activities involving public participation do not require a permit. Promotional signs may not exceed eight (8) square feet on each side and are limited to a total square footage of sixteen (16) feet. These signs may be temporarily displayed for no more than 30-days prior to the event and shall be removed no later than 7-days following the event. Any sign placed at an intersection shall be placed so it does not obstruct the view of oncoming traffic or pedestrians.

Deputy Supervisor asked if any residents wish to speak.

Haskell, Bonnie – 922 Upper Mountain Road Haskell represents the Sanborn Business and Professional Association and is a Trustee at the Sanborn-Lewiston Farm Museum. The Association is very concerned about signage. The 4 x 8 sign located at a corner on Route 31 is more-or-less an announcement center. Phone calls are received all the time regarding what is posted on the sign. This has become a vital part of Sanborn. The Association and Museum would appreciate the Boards help in solving this.

Wienke, Glenn – 5800 West Street Wienke is a member of the Sanborn-Lewiston Museum. The Town Board has been contacted regarding these signs. Sanborn would not be what it is today if it were not for these signs and the help of the Board. The smaller signs will be able to stay, but are more concerned with the big sign located at Ward Road and Route 31. Wienke has been told to move the sign to the farm. This sign is used for all events in Sanborn and would like to leave it there. All non-for-profit organizations use it. The Board needs to think about what they are doing. Wienke is not sure if there is a difference between those below the hill and those above the hill, but the sign is needed.

Masters said he recommended the proposed law be 8-square feet, if it will be done, but prefers the law not be done at all. It then changed to 10-square feet and now is 16-square feet. This still would not address the 40-square foot portable sign located at Ward Road and Route 31.

Masters will be enforcing this and asks “Who will declare what is a Not-For-Profit”? Every corner is going to have auctions, basket auctions, wine, chocolate & cheese signs. Residents call and ask they be removed and Masters will tell them the Town Board approved this. Masters does not know how to enforce this new law.

Bax asked if this is causing a public nuisance.

Masters said those with permanent signs have to get a permit. The sign law states where it can be placed and the size. The current law states – no signs in the public right-away and no off

premise advertising. This means no one can put a sign at their house to advertise something happening somewhere else in the Town.

Bax suggested a permanent sign be thought of for the Sanborn Historical Society.

Dowd said the idea for the new law is that if any organization wants to have an event and advertise for it, it would be prohibited to place them in the right-of-way. The way the law is drawn is you can put it in anybodies yard as long as they agree. It needs to be removed on time and there will be no permit requirement. If a sign is put up before the 30-day limit and not removed 7-days after, the penalty will be as in the Zoning Code.

Masters said several signs in the Town are for events that don't take place in Lewiston.

Dowd said it can be stated to limit it to community events occurring within the Town of Lewiston.

Winkley suggested exploring a permanent sign be place somewhere in Sanborn for events happing.

Maters said the current language being looked at will not address what Sanborn is looking for.

**Catlin MOVED to close the Public Hearing, Seconded by Marra and Carried 5 – 0.** (6:00 pm)

Respectfully Transcribed and Submitted by:

Donna Garfinkel  
Deputy Town Clerk