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ULYSSES TOWN BOARD

RESOLUTIONS for July 14, 2020

4 Section 6a ++++++

5 RESOLUTION # OF 2020: APPROVAL OF REVISED LANGUAGE FOR DRAFT LOCAL AMENDING ULYSSES ZONING LAW  
6 REGARDING LAKESHORE AND CONSERVATION ZONES AND SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING

7 WHEREAS, Resolution #\_\_\_ was tabled on June 23, 2020 to allow time for the Town Board to develop a definition of  
8 "building footprint" and to adjust allowable housing provisions of the existing Lakeshore and Conservation zones to  
9 conform with other zones in the Town and

10 WHEREAS, those proposed changes have been incorporated into the revised Zoning Amendment #1 of 2020, now  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED that Resolution #\_\_\_ be removed from the table and replaced by the following:

13 WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses (Town Board) enacted Local Law No. 3 of 2019 on December 10, 2019,  
14 which law was filed with the New York State Secretary of State on December 16, 2019, which local law repealed in its  
15 entirety the Town of Ulysses Zoning Law adopted by Local Law No. 3 of 2013, amended from time to time, and codified  
16 as Chapter 212 of the Laws of the Town of Ulysses, and in its place adopted a new zoning law, and

17 WHEREAS, when adopting the Zoning Law on December 10, 2019 by Resolution 2019-211 several members of the Town  
18 Board wanted to re-visit the law in 2020 based on feedback from the Public Hearing held November 18, 2019 and

19 WHEREAS, the Town Board wished to consider alternative strategies that balance our environmental stewardship  
20 responsibilities with the property rights of landowners when protecting steep slopes and Unique Natural Areas in the  
21 Lakeshore and Conservation zone rather than a zone-wide limit of 2000sq ft footprint and

22 WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Planning Board reconsidered relevant sections of the law related to the lot limits and site  
23 plan review requirements of the Lakeshore and Conservation Zones and transmitted their recommendations including  
24 proposed changes to the current zoning along with their rationale to the Town Board on April 28, 2020 through Planning  
25 Board Resolution Numbers 1 of 2020 and 2 of 2020, and

26 WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board accepted the Planning Board recommendations and held a Public Information Session  
27 for all interested residents on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 to explain the proposal and invite questions and comments and  
28 received written and verbal comments before and after the session and,

29 WHEREAS, the Ulysses Town Board has discussed the comments received from residents in support of and opposed to the  
30 proposed Local Law #1 of 2020 AMENDING TOWN OF ULYSSES ZONING LAW REGARDING LAKESHORE AND  
31 CONSERVATION ZONES introduced on May 26, 2020, and

32 WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law §20(5) requires that a public hearing be held before a local law is adopted by the  
33 Town Board, which public hearing must be held upon the publication of at least ten days' notice in the Town's official  
34 newspaper; and

35 WHEREAS, Town Law §264(4) also requires that a public hearing be held prior to adopting (or amending) zoning  
36 regulations, and

1 WHEREAS, Town Law §265(2) requires that amendments made to any zoning law (excluding any map incorporated  
2 therein) shall be entered in the minutes of the town board; such minutes shall describe and refer to any map adopted in  
3 connection with such change, amendment or supplement and a copy, summary or abstract thereof (exclusive of any map  
4 incorporated therein) shall be published once in a newspaper published in the town, if any, or in such newspaper  
5 published in the county in which such town may be located having a circulation in such town, as the town board may  
6 designate, and affidavits of the publication thereof shall be filed with the town clerk, and

7 WHEREAS, due to the Corona Virus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the State of New York has authorized  
8 municipalities to conduct certain public hearings and meetings by virtual means in order to ensure the public health and  
9 safety,

10 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached draft local law, the full text of which the Town Clerk is hereby  
11 directed to reproduce in the minutes hereof, is adopted as the draft upon which a public hearing shall be held to consider  
12 whether or not to adopt the proposed amendments, and be it further

13 RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for August 11 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Access details for  
14 the Zoom meeting shall be posted on the Town of Ulysses website at [www.ulysses.ny.us](http://www.ulysses.ny.us) 24 hours prior to the date of the  
15 hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is for all persons wishing to comment in favor or against the proposed zoning  
16 amendments to have an opportunity to provide their comments thereon, and be it further

17 RESOLVED, that in addition to participation in the public hearing via Zoom, all members of the public wishing to submit  
18 written comments on the proposed local law may do so in writing addressed to the Town Clerk at 10 Elm Street,  
19 Trumansburg, NY 14886 or by email to [clerk@ulysses.ny.us](mailto:clerk@ulysses.ny.us), and be it further

20 RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice of said hearing in the Ithaca Journal as required by law, to  
21 mail notices to all persons and agencies entitled to notice, to file in the office of the Town Clerk affidavits of publication,  
22 and the Town Board authorizes payment of expenses associated with said publications and mailings, and be it further

23 RESOLVED, that a copy of the proposed Zoning Law and a copy of this Resolution shall be sent by the Town Clerk of the  
24 Town of Ulysses to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to NY Town Law §264 and NY General Municipal Law §239-m  
25 including to wit,

- 26 a. The Ulysses Planning Board,
- 27 b. The Ulysses Zoning Board of Appeals,
- 28 c. Building and Code Inspector of the Town of Ulysses,
- 29 d. Tompkins County Department of Planning,
- 30 e. Clerk of the Tompkins County Legislature,
- 31 f. Seneca County
- 32 g. Schuyler County
- 33 h. Town of Covert
- 34 i. Town of Hector
- 35 j. Town of Enfield
- 36 k. Town of Lansing

- 1 l. *Town of Ithaca*
- 2 m. *Village of Trumansburg*
- 3 n. *New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*
- 4 o. *New York State Commissioner of Environmental Conservation*

5 **Section 6b** ++++++

6 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: APPROVAL OF WORK PLAN for CONSERVATION and SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY**  
7 **COMMITTEE**

8 *WHEREAS, the Town Board appreciates the willingness of the members of the Conservation and Sustainability Advisory*  
9 *Committee (CSAC) to research and recommend policies, procedures, and practices to enable the Town to manage and*  
10 *protect its natural resources, and promote environmental sustainability,*

11 *Now Therefore Be It*

12 *RESOLVED, that the Town of Ulysses approves the proposed work plan of the CSAC (as amended).*

13 **Section 7b** ++++++

14 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: ADOPTION OF ACTION STEPS TO PROMOTE RACIAL JUSTICE**

15 *WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a Statement on Racial Justice, Violence and the Role of Local Government on June 9,*  
16 *2020 to respond to the injustices highlighted by the death of George Floyd and*

17 *WHERAS, the June 9<sup>th</sup> statement included several commitments to take action in support of racial justice,*

18 *Now Therefore Be It*

19 *RESOLVED, that the Ulysses Town Board begins to honor its commitment to action by taking the proposed next steps:*

- 20 1. *The Supervisor will send the June 9, 2020 Statement with a letter on behalf of the Town Board to each of the*  
21 *local law enforcement agencies responsible for serving and protecting the residents of the Town of Ulysses*  
22 *appreciating their efforts and urging them to enact and practice key policing reforms to be more just and*  
23 *equitable. Copies will also be sent to those responsible for funding and oversight of the Village, County and State*  
24 *law enforcement agencies.*
- 25 2. *Town staff and Board, with help from the community, will identify and provide educational resources to enable*  
26 *our staff and Town Board members to learn more about our own unconscious biases and institutional racism to*  
27 *inform a systematic review of our policies and practices to assure that the Town of Ulysses is acting in anti-racist*  
28 *and inclusive ways that promote justice and equity.*
- 29 3. *Engage Board, staff, and community members in a systematic review of the Town’s Personnel Policies and*  
30 *Zoning laws to identify any explicit or unintentional racism or exclusionary policies and/or practices and to seek*  
31 *recommendations for ways the Town can become more just, equitable, and inclusive.*

32 **Section 7b** ++++++

34 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: CREATION OF A FLAG POLICY WORK GROUP**

35 *WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a Policy on Endorsements in Resolution 211 of 2017 which outlines the criteria to*  
36 *consider when an external group asks the Town to endorse a policy, position and/or display a flag and*

1 WHEREAS, On June 9, 2020 the Town Board agreed to develop a policy to govern whether and under what circumstances  
2 the Town of Ulysses would agree to display additional flags to promote approved causes or events,

3 Now Therefore Be It

4 RESOLVED that the Town Board creates a work group comprised of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a proposed Flag Policy for the Town Board to consider at a future meeting.

6 **Section 9 ++++++**

7 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8 RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board approves the minutes from the Regular Town Board meeting held June 23, 2020  
9 and the Special Town Board meeting 7/8/20 for a building use policy

10  
11 **Section 10 ++++++**

12 **RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_ OF 2020: PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

13 RESOLVED that the Ulysses Town Board has reviewed claims in the HB fund, voucher #4 in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_; and in  
14 the A-SW funds, # \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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