

On motion of Councilmember Leslie Heaney seconded, by Councilmember Robert Audia, the following resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Washington with a vote of 5.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2024 the Town Board adopted the 2022 Hospitality Evaluation Report as an update to the 2015 Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan, setting forth a policy framework for the regulation of hospitality land uses to the Town; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2023, the Town Board introduced a local law drafted in furtherance of the Hospitality Evaluation Report entitled “A LOCAL LAW UPDATING THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON ZONING CODE ENTITLED ‘HOSPITALITY OVERLAY DISTRICT’”; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2023, the Town Board classified the action as a Type I action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), declared its intent to serve as lead agency and directed that all necessary referrals be made in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, written comments on the local law were received from the Town of Washington Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) and from the Town of Washington Conservation Advisory Commission (the “CAC”); and

WHEREAS, a written response dated September 21, 2023 was received from the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development indicating the matter was a matter of local concern with comments; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public hearing on the local law was held on September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., where public comments were heard both in-person at Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Drive, Millbrook, NY 12545, and virtually via Zoom; and

WHEREAS, thereafter the proposed local law was revised in response to the written and public comments received; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, the Town Board introduced a revised version of the proposed local law and scheduled a public hearing for November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public hearing on the local law was held on November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., where public comments were heard both in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2023, the Village of Millbrook returned comments to the Town Board on the local law; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating the written and public comments, the Town Board caused substantive revisions to be made to the local law, including the addition of a new section formally codifying the Town of Washington Natural Resources Inventory into the Zoning Code of the Town of Washington as contemplated by the 2022 Hospitality Evaluation Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board caused the preparation of an updated Full EAF Part 1; and

WHEREAS, the local law, now entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HOSPITALITY OVERLAY DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR INNS AND ADAPTIVE REUSE INNS”, was re-circulated in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public hearing on the local law was opened on April 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., where public comments were heard both in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom, and the Town Board directed the preparation of an EAF Part 2 for the Town Board’s consideration; and

WHEREAS, written responses from the Planning Board and CAC were received on April 5, 2024 and April 29, 2024, respectively. A written response dated April 24, 2024 was received from the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development indicating the matter was a matter of local concern with no additional comments on the local law; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2024 the Town Board reviewed the EAF Part 2, discussing each of the 18 sections to determine whether the local law has any potentially significant adverse effects on the environment. After reviewing and discussing the Part 2 form in its entirety, the Board directed the preparation of an EAF Part 3 and a Negative Declaration for its review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2024, the Village of Millbrook provided additional written comments, which the Town Board has reviewed and carefully considered; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed continued public hearing on the local law was held on June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., where public comments were heard both in-person at Town Hall and virtually via Zoom. After all those wishing to speak had been heard, the Town Board voted to close the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, following the close of the public hearing, the Board reviewed and approved Parts 2 and 3 of the EAF and adopted a Resolution declaring that the instant action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board thereafter considered the adoption of the local law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Washington hereby adopts and enacts Local Law No. 3 of 2024, attached hereto, entitled “A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HOSPITALITY OVERLAY DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR INNS AND ADAPTIVE REUSE INNS”;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall file one (1) certified original of this local law in the office of the Town Clerk and one (1) certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York.

The forgoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilmember Audia	AYE
Councilmember Heaney	AYE
Councilmember Murphy	AYE
Councilmember Rochfort	AYE

DATED: Millbrook, New York
June 3, 2024

Christine Briggs
CHRISTINE BRIGGS, Town Clerk
Town of Washington