

Town of New Scotland
Public Hearing
07/06/2020

The following Town Officials were in attendance:

Supervisor:	Douglas LaGrange
Councilperson:	Adam Greenberg Bridgit Burke William Hennessy Daniel Leinung
Highway Superintendent:	Kenneth Guyer
Engineer:	Garrett Frueh
Town Clerk:	Diane Deschenes
Town Attorney:	Michael Naughton

1. Call to Order

Supervisor LaGrange called the public hearing to order for the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland at 5:55 PM. This is a public hearing over proposed Local Law B of 2020, a codification of the Ethics Law. We are doing this public hearing pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.1 which includes not having public meetings. I have proof of publication of this from our Town Clerk, Mrs. Deschenes. Supervisor LaGrange asked Attorney Naughton to give a quick overview as our attorney. I believe we have one person here at this point if you could just give a quick overview.

Attorney Naughton said that this is basically a codification of the Ethics Law. As soon as the Ethics Law was passed, there was a series of revisions and amendments to it by local law. As a result of that, one needed to do quite a bit of research to find out what the current version of the law is. Sarah, luckily, took it upon herself to prepare a comprehensive copy of the law that included all the amendments. That's the copy that we use at Town Hall when questions come up. So, to make it easy for the public to have it I've suggested that we have a formal codification of those amendments in the draft law. That's what this local law is for. So there are no revisions at all being proposed to the law that are not already part of the Town of New Scotland law. That's what we're doing today.

Supervisor LaGrange asked if any of the Board members had any comments to make. Councilperson Burke said that she thinks it's great that we're organizing things to make it easier for people to do the research.

Highway Superintendent Guyer arrived at 5:59 PM.

Supervisor LaGrange advised that one person from the public joined us. If you have any comments we are open to them at this point. There were no comments from the public. Supervisor LaGrange said he would leave the hearing open for a while. There was someone that contacted Diane at the last second to try to join us for this public hearing and or beyond. So, we will give it a minute. Otherwise I would say once we get into our regular meeting we will have the opportunity to discuss and pass this codification.

2. Adjourn

Supervisor LaGrange made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Councilperson Greenberg. The hearing closed at 6:00 PM.

Diane R. Deschenes, Town Clerk