A public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2025 entitled: "Conference Center, Hotel and Motel Moratorium" was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Deputy Supervisor Werner, Councilman Dykas, Councilwomen Mustello and Councilwoman Auspitz as well as Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:25 PM, Supervisor Whitton called the public hearing to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eliot Werner said the Public Hearing is not about Six Senses, it is about a moratorium. Wait for the Town Board meeting to comment on Six Senses at the end in the public session. The moratorium is to put a 6 month stop on new applications. It does not pertain to the three conference centers in the process.

## **LEGAL NOTICE Town Clerk Read Aloud**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to open the floor to public comments. All aye. Motion carried.

Graham Trask – Feels the Town is at a pivotal point. The Town Board should have the goal to provide leadership to get town back on track and focus on the vision of the residents. Expressed his vision, getting back to the basics, staying true to rural character, values and historic heritage. We need to support and promote a small-town atmosphere, agriculture and smart growth. We need to align zoning with Comprehensive Plan. We need to stand up to large corporations taking advantage of loopholes and a weak Town Board.

Mike Oates – HV Economic Development Corporation. Talked about the impact of moratoriums. Asks TB to take care in making their decision, it sends a bad message to people who want to invest in NY.

Donna Burns – reviewed parts of the moratorium, reviewed government paper on Why Have Moratoriums? from the Secretary of State. She feels our law is not following these guidelines from the State. Asks about how the new law will go forward to be created. Supervisor Whitton discussed the process to write a new law.

At 6:39 Pm MM Supervisor Whitton,  $2^{\rm nd}$  Councilwoman Mustello to close the public hearing. All aye

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:39 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Mustello to adjourn the public hearing. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol-Jean Mackin,

Town Clerk