

December 26, 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2024 establishing a Six-Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Review and Approval of Clean Renewable Energy Technology Businesses Devoted to Research, Education, Distribution or Application of Technological Innovation in Alternative Energy uses in the Town of Warwick. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, December 26, 2024 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer opened the public hearing at 1:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Jesse Dwyer
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman Kevin Shuback
Councilman Thomas Mattingly

Attorney for the Town, John Buckheit

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on December 11, 2024 and December 18, 2024.
(Copy of these legal notices are printed at the end of these minutes.)

SUPERVISOR DWYER – This is a public hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2024, a local law extending the moratorium on battery storage.

MICHAEL HELME – Resident, Town of Warwick, NY – Who is the Town's expert in deciding when this technology will be safe for use in the environment?

SUPERVISOR DWYER – We have a Planner from Nelson Pope & Voorhis and they are helping us design our code. The Town has not solicited an expert, so to speak, to ever determine and I think that would be a really hard thing to do. I don't think any of, you know, a lot of this new technology, I don't think you could ever say for certain that it's safe. So, I don't know if we'll ever be able to hire somebody that will tell us it is definitely safe. I think that's impossible to do.

MICHAEL HELME - I guess, in my feeling, there are experts through NYSERDA and other state agencies who care just as much as each of us does about the safety of residents, who are reviewing these things and improving them throughout the state. So, I guess I hope that, and this will be the cleaner and safer technology in the future for running our grid and our energy supplies. So, I hope that in the future their expertise will be taken into consideration.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - We are certainly working very closely with NYSERDA as well as New York State in general on the overall code. What we're focused on right now is finding the appropriate locations within the Town for this. I'm sure you're aware of the battery fire that took place in the Village of Warwick. We want to make sure that doesn't happen again. We're not outright banning battery storage facilities, but we're not rushing into allowing

allowing them to be built within the Town. We currently have no active applications for anybody looking to site battery storage within the Town of Warwick. So, we're not necessarily holding anybody up from doing it. We just want to make sure that if it's done, it's done the best way possible.

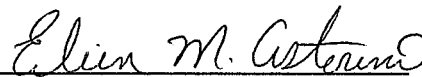
MICHAEL HELME - Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DWYER – Thank you. Any other comments from the public on the local law?

CHRISTOPHER FORD – Resident, Town of Warwick, NY - What are the nearby towns doing about this? Do we care about it?

SUPERVISOR DWYER - We certainly care what other towns are doing and trying to use whatever they've done as a model for us, but unfortunately, many towns across the state have not developed comprehensive codes relating to battery storage. The Town of Warwick does have a component of our code addressing battery storage, but it's not comprehensive and the Town Board doesn't feel that it is adequate in response to the battery storage fire that we saw a couple of years ago in the village. Many towns don't have good, what we feel are good laws relating to the siting of these. I agree with Michael that they are the future as New York State continues to require more electric consumption over natural gas and other energy sources. We're going to need ways to supplement the grid and back up the grid, and battery storage is likely one of those key components to that. We recognize that. So, we are looking at other towns as best we can.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo, that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 1:10 p.m.
12-26-24 CP


Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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A complete copy of the Introductory Local Law is available for inspection in the Clerk's Office and/or the Town of Warwick website, townofwarwick.org.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

DATED: December 18, 2024

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