

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
AGENDA
JULY 31, 2015

Committee Members: Supervisors Monroe, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Frasier, Westcott and Strough

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chairman
- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting - 06.09.2015
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 1. Legislation adopted by Rockland County regulating the use of drones - *as referred by NYSAC.*
 2. Legislation forwarded by Delaware County "*Urging State Representatives to Amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act*".
- IV. Referrals/Pending Items:
 1. Referral from June 19, 2015 Board Meeting - request to revisit discussion on legalization of safe sparkling devises in Warren County.
 2. Referral from July 17, 2015 Board Meeting - request to revisit discussion on resolutions previously presented by Mr. Robert Schulz at the March 9, 2015 Committee meeting.
 3. Referral from the July 8, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting - requesting resolution opposing New York State Assembly Bill No. A.6430 which represents an unfunded mandate.
 4. Committee tabled the matter of requesting the Governor and State Legislature to amend the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law regarding designation of highways and travel by all terrain vehicles and referred it to the County Attorney requesting that he provide an opinion as to whether or not this would provide Towns with the authority to designate County and State roads as such (06.09.15)
- V. Discussion Items:

None.
- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments:

1. Rockland County Local Law No. 2 of 2015 - Regulating the Use of Drones in Rockland County (*Agenda Item III(1)*);
2. Delaware County Resolution No. 108 of 2015 - Urging State Representatives to Amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (*Agenda Item III(2)*);
3. Information from the NYS Building Standards and Code relating to sparkling devices, as provided by Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator/Director of the Office of Emergency Services*; resolution from the Village of Lake George urging Warren County to rescind the Local Law allowing sale of sparkling devices; and several emails received with regard to the legalization of sparkling devices (*Agenda Item IV(1)*);
4. Resolutions proposed by Mr. Robert Schulz (*Agenda Item IV(2)*).
5. Letter from Warren County Sheriff's Office requesting a resolution of non-support of State Assembly Bill A.6430 (*Agenda Item IV(3)*).
6. Fulton County Resolution No. 120 of 2015 "*Resolution Requesting the Governor and State Legislature to Amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law Regarding Designation of Highways and Travel by All Terrain Vehicles*" (*Agenda Item IV(4)*).

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AMENDED
Referral No. 5327
June 16, 2015

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2015
COUNTY OF ROCKLAND
STATE OF NEW YORK**

(Introduced by: Hon. Jay Hood, Jr.)
(Co-Sponsor: Hon. Alden H. Wolfe)

Mr. Hood, Jr. offered the following amended Local Law, which was seconded by Chairman Wolfe and adopted

A local law regulating the use of drones in Rockland County.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Rockland as follows:

Section 1. Name of local law

This law shall be known as "the Drone Regulation Law."

Section 2. Legislative intent.

Drones, which are unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or via a geographical positions system (GPS) guided autopilot mechanism, have become increasingly available to private citizens for personal and recreational uses due to their declining cost. Drones can fly at altitudes below the navigable airspace (generally at 400 feet) which is not within the jurisdiction, regulation and control of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Some drones are equipped with high definition cameras, night vision cameras and infrared-see-through scopes. They can be used to fly about private residences and to hover outside someone's window or in their backyard without the knowledge of the resident, who has a reasonable expectation of privacy in his or her home and in his or her backyard.

Additionally, there is a very real safety and security concern when it comes to drones carrying and dropping contraband items such as drugs or weapons onto certain grounds such as courthouses, correctional facilities or schools. For example, a drone was used in Bishopville, South Carolina in April 2014 to attempt the smuggling of contraband into a jail, including marijuana, cell phones and tobacco. A drone delivery attempt was likewise made in November 2013 to sneak contraband into a prison in Calhoun County, Georgia.

In addition to those child and adult residents of this County that use these drones for hobby or enjoyment, drones may also be purchased and operated by sex offenders and other persons with criminal backgrounds, such as but not limited to those with convictions for domestic violence, theft, burglary, trespass, and assault. Yet, there are currently no federal or state regulations regarding who may purchase a drone, which represents a safety risk to members of the public

In light of all the foregoing concerns, this local law will limit the use of drones in Rockland County to an individual's private property, another individual's private property with that private property owner's consent, public property with the consent of the municipality that owns it, and public parks, unless such use is prohibited by the governmental entity having jurisdiction over such park, including but not limited to the Division of Environmental Resources of the County of Rockland.

Section 3. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- A. **COUNTY** – The County of Rockland, New York.
- B. **DRONE** - an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) that can fly under the control of a remote pilot or via a geographical positions system (GPS) guided autopilot mechanism.
- C. **LAW ENFORCEMENT** - a lawfully established state or local public agency that is responsible for the prevention of crime, local government code enforcement with authority to enforce penal, traffic, regulatory, game, or controlled substance laws or regulations.
- D. **PERSON** – any natural person, individual, corporation, unincorporated association, proprietorship, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock association, or other entity of business of any kind.

Section 4. Prohibition

- A. A person may not fly or otherwise operate a drone in Rockland County except in and above the following locations:
 - 1. a person's own private property;
 - 2. another person's private property with the permission of an owner of that property; and
 - 3. public property, other than public parks, only with the written permission of the controlling municipality or agency; and

4. public parks, unless such use is prohibited by the governmental entity having jurisdiction over such property, including but not limited to the Division of Environmental Resources of the County of Rockland.
- B. Any flying of drones above the Rockland County Jail or Sheriff complex or within fifty (50) feet of the property line of the Rockland County Jail or Sheriff complex is specifically prohibited and subjects the operator to enhanced penalties as set forth in Section 6, paragraph D of this Local Law.
- C. Any unauthorized flying of drones above and within the property lines of a school, publically advertised house of worship, government building, courthouse or municipal sewer facility is prohibited and subjects the operator to enhanced penalties as set forth in Section 6, paragraph D of this Local Law.
- D. This Section shall not be construed to authorize the use of a drone for any purpose that would violate State, Local or Federal law.

Section 5. Exemptions

This act does not prohibit the use of a drone:

- A. Persons using drones in the course of employment of a government agency, or on behalf of one of those agencies are not subject to the prohibitions set forth in Section 4.
- B. If a law enforcement agency is using the drone in accordance with accepted Fourth Amendment jurisprudence with regard to search and seizure.
- C. If a fire and emergency services agency is using a drone solely for purposes of:
 1. providing an aerial view in order to better manage firefighting resources by determining point of origin, shape, or boundaries of forest fires;
 2. assisting in rescue of individuals from remote and difficult to access locations such as parkland, forests or mountains; or
 3. providing crucial information needed when responding to incidents involving hazardous materials without endangering fire and emergency service personnel.
- D. In the event a Federal, State or Local official declares a state of emergency in Rockland County, in which case utility companies under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and any employees or other persons on the utility companies' behalf, may utilize drones for damage assessment and recovery operations without the need for a warrant or consent.

E. by utility companies operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and any employees or other persons on the utility companies' behalf for the purpose of

- 1) inspection of utility facilities and transmission lines it owns and operates;
- 2) inspection of lands, highway, roadways, or areas belonging to New York State or its political subdivisions that contain or are planned to contain utility facilities controlled by such utility company;
- 3) inspection of utility easements on private property, with notification to the property owner.

Section 6. Penalties for Offenses.

- A. Any person found to be in violation of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of \$250.
- B. Any person found to have violated the provisions of this act twice within a twelve (12) month period shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine of \$500.
- C. Any person found to have violated the provisions of this act three times within a twelve (12) month period or more than three times within a twenty-four (24) month period shall be guilty of a class "A" misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and a sentence of up to one (1) year in jail.
- D. Any person found to have violated the provisions of this act by using or otherwise operating a drone above the Rockland County Jail or Sheriff complex or within 50 feet of the property line of the Rockland County Jail or Sheriff complex or above or within the property lines of a school, publicly advertised house of worship, government building, courthouse, or municipal sewer facility, shall be guilty of a class "A" misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$500 and a sentence of up to six (6) months in jail.
- E. Any person found to have violated the provisions of this act by using or otherwise operating a drone above the Rockland County Jail or Sheriff complex or within 50 feet of the property line of the Rockland County Jail or Sheriff complex or above or within the property lines of a school, publicly advertised house of worship, government building, courthouse, or municipal sewer facility two (2) times within a twelve (12) month period or more than three (3) times within a twenty-four (24) month period shall be guilty of a class "A" misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and a sentence of up to one (1) year in jail.

Section 7. Enforcement.

This law may be enforced by any Law Enforcement agency having jurisdiction to act in the County of Rockland.

Section 8. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 9. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 10. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect ninety (90) days after filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

The vote resulted as follows:

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| Ayes: | 13 | (Legislators Cornell, Diaz, Earl, Grant, Hofstein, Low-Hogan, Murphy, Paul, Schoenberger, Soskin, Wieder, Hood, Jr., Wolfe) |
| Nays: | 03 | (Legislators Jobson, Meyers, Moroney) |
| Absent: | 01 | (Legislator Carey) |

RESOLUTION NO. 108

**TITLE: URGING STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO AMEND THE
NEW YORK STATE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND REUSE ACT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the main reasons for the adoption of the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (Act) were to assist local governments with managing the fast-growing electronics waste stream by relying on electronics manufacturers to fund a recycling infrastructure and relieve municipalities from the recycling and end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, the Act has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the state, but the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments and other collectors are faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for cathode ray tubes (CRTs); and

WHEREAS, the consequence, specifically following the January 2015 Disposal Ban, is significant as a growing number of municipalities such as Delaware County are faced with bearing more of the financial burden for continued e-scrap collection in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires, and the state relies on, electronics manufacturers to fund e-scrap recycling programs that are effective, continuous and reasonably convenient to all consumers across the state; and

WHEREAS, once manufacturers have met their performance standard (goal), which in a number of cases is midway through the year, they no longer provide financial support to continue their collection programs, thus shifting management costs to unexpected, cash-strapped local governments; and

WHEREAS, the issue is worsened by the fact that electronics sold today weigh much less than the obsolete CRT devices that make up approximately 70% of the weight of e-scrap generated, which are cost intensive to responsibly manage; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in many local governments across the state having to grapple with the burden to fund or cease e-scrap collection, which has been particularly difficult in rural communities including Delaware County that do not benefit from retail collectors or economies of scale.

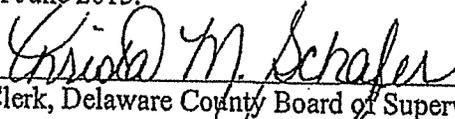
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Delaware does hereby call upon Governor Cuomo, the New York State Assembly, the New York State Senate, and the State Department of Environmental Conservation to improve the current law intended to build toward the long-term goals of creating a more stable and comprehensive, manufacturer implemented electronics recycling infrastructure by implementing actions to strengthen communication among stakeholders, clarify key statutory provisions in their present rulemaking efforts, and promote the adoption of the Proposed Statutory Changes to the Act to provide for year round, no-cost collection of electronics, consistent with convenience standards for both rural and urban populations that help alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Delaware shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Cuomo, Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman Thomas O'Mara, State Senator John J. Bonacic, State Senator James Seward, State Senator Thomas Libous, State Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, State Assemblyman Peter D. Lopez, State Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, the New York State Association of Counties and its Board of Directors; the County Legislatures and Boards of Supervisors of all counties within the State of New York.

State of New York
County of Delaware

I, Christa M. Schafer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 24th day of June 2015 and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board at Delhi, New York, this 24th day of June 2015.


Clerk, Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Allen, Amanda

From: LaFlure, Brian
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: FW: Sparkling Devices: Legalization and Permits - New York State Division of Building Standards and Codes

Here is the one I was talking about at that meeting.

Chief Brian A. LaFlure, Director/Fire Coordinator
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From: dos.sm.Codes.Training [<mailto:dosCodesTraining@dos.ny.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 4:03 PM
To: dos.dl.listserv.Codes.NYSCodes
Subject: Sparkling Devices: Legalization and Permits - New York State Division of Building Standards and Codes

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|  | BUILDING NEW YORK E-BULLETIN DIVISION OF BUILDING STANDARDS AND CODES RONALD PIESTER AIA, DIRECTOR | |
| June 18, 2015 | New York State | E-Bulletin |
| Sparkling Devices: Legalization and Permits | | |
| <p>Last year, legislation amended Section 270 of the State Penal Law to provide counties and cities with the ability to allow the storage, sale, and use of a specific classification of consumer fireworks referred to as "Sparkling Devices." Counties and cities accomplish this by excluding Sparkling Devices from the definitions of "fireworks" and "dangerous fireworks" in a local law.</p> | | |
| <p>Once a county has adopted a local law, sparkling devices are "legalized" in all local governments throughout that county, including in the cities within that county. In the absence of a county local law, a city may choose to adopt its own local law. In a county that has adopted a local law excluding Sparkling Devices from the definitions of "fireworks" and "dangerous fireworks," a city, town or village may not pass a local law prohibiting or banning Sparkling Devices.</p> | | |

To reduce the risk of fire where sparkling devices are manufactured, stored, sold, or used new provisions were added to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code). This regulation, Title 19 NYCRR Part 1228.3, became effective June 3, 2015.

Additionally, the legislation requires manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and all retailers to register annually with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC). Registered retailers are required to have the following items prominently posted for public viewing:

- The OFPC certificate of registration for that location;
- The list, as most recently published by the New York State Police, of counties and cities that have opted by local law to legalize the use of sparkling devices;
- A copy of the Federal Permit, if applicable;
- A copy of the Insurance Certificate; and
- A copy of a sparkling device safety pamphlet produced by OFPC.

Be aware that Executive Law §156-h(4)(c) prohibits any county or local government from charging any fees or requiring any permits of any type for the sale and use of sparkling devices. A municipality found to be attempting to regulate/permit the sale or use of sparkling devices should expect to be contacted by NYS DHSES.

Municipalities in counties that have adopted local laws permitting "Sparkling Devices" should become familiar with the provisions of Title 19 NYCRR Part 1228.3 and Title 9 NYCRR Part 225 to ensure for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens while still complying with New York State law. The legislation also only allows the sales of Sparkling Devices from June 1 through July 5, and from December 26 through January 2.

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July 20, 2015

Mayor Robert M. Blais
Village of Lake George
P.O. Box 791
Lake George, New York 12845

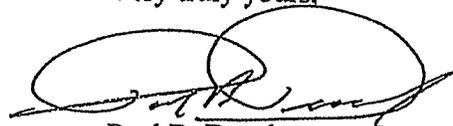
Re: Warren County Local Law - Fireworks

Dear Mayor Blais:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 16, 2015, wherein you enclose a copy of a Village Board Resolution concerning the County's recent enactment of a Local Law allowing fireworks in Warren County. I am providing a copy of your letter and Resolution to the Clerk of the Board so that the same may be distributed to the members of the Legislative Committee, which will be meeting on July 31, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the fireworks law. You and any member of your Board are certainly welcome to attend this meeting.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Paul B. Dusek
Warren County Administrator

PBD:kmm
cc: Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board

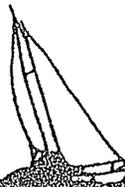


VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

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ROBERT M. BLAIS
Mayor

DARLENE V. GUNTHER
Clerk-Treasurer



Attachment 3

TRUSTEES
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Ray Pery
John Root

Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr.

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July 16, 2015

Mr. Paul Dusek
County Administrator
Warren County Municipal Center
1340 State Route 9
Lake George, New York 12845

Dear Paul,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Village Board resolution pertaining to the enactment of the recent fireworks law.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Blais
Mayor

RMB/dvg

Enclosure



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Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 91, 2015

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors has enacted a County law permitting the sale of certain fireworks during specific periods of time, and

WHEREAS, this law was enacted in 2015 prior to July 4th, and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of this law there have been several incidents, both locally and regionally that have affected the health, welfare, and safety of our residents and tourists, and

WHEREAS, this law was enacted against the advice and concern of professional emergency services personnel, and

WHEREAS, Warren County and Lake George strive to be a safe, friendly, and inviting family resort, placing fireworks of any type in the hands of unfrained citizens has proven to be unwise, unsafe, and impractical,

WE, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, hereby respectfully urge the Warren County Board of Supervisors to rescind the enactment of this law.

VOTING Ayes: 4 Blais, Earl, Root, Mastrodomenico
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 1 Perry

RESOLUTION NO. 90, 2015 ADOPTED

July 9, 2015

I, Darlene V. Gunther, Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Lake George, New York do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 90, 2015 adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, New York on the ninth day of July 2015.

In witness whereof, I hereby sign my name and affix the seal of the Village of Lake George, New York this sixteenth day of July 2015.

Darlene V. Gunther
Clerk-Treasurer

SEAL

Allen, Amanda

From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:30 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: FW: FIREWORKS

Amanda,

I am forwarding this email I just received from Mayor Blais for your records and furnishing the Committee pursuant to today's request. Please recall that I copied you on the couple of pieces of correspondence I received and which was previously sent to the Board.

Regards,

Paul

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From: Mayor Robert Blais [<mailto:lqvmayor@nycap.rr.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 10:46 AM
To: Dusek, Paul
Subject: FW: FIREWORKS

From: joyce marrocco [<mailto:jelamthh@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:19 PM
To: lqvmayor@nycap.rr.com
Subject: Fwd: FIREWORKS

I tried to send this to Kimberly Howard, but it failed, so here it is Mayor. Please stop them, I applaud you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Love Lake George!! Keep it for all people not just the rich.

----- Forwarded message -----
From: joyce marrocco <jelamthh@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jul 16, 2015 at 8:04 PM
Subject: FIREWORKS
To: khoward@cbs6albany.com

Hi Kimberly, I saw your report about the fireworks in Warren County, I live here in Rotterdam NY and this 4th of July was unbearable, the noise and smoke was awful. If any official in this county says it was not bad, they are lying. I emailed everyone I could think of, we, the residents were not asked to vote, the county, along with

Attachment 3

our astute gov did this for themselves, by themselves. I live organically, on the weekend of the 4th and two weeks prior I have had to listen to the noise way after midnight, we are still hearing them. My yard was not visible the weekend of the 4th, there is no limit to how many people can buy, they have a month and a few days from June 1st to July 5th to stockpile. I don,t feel sorry for anyone injured by them, they should have just legalized sparklers, they are fun and unless you are a moron you should be able to handle them, anything else is plain gluttony on behalf of our politicians. The smoke I have ingested will last my lifetime, my poor cats are still afraid of any loud noise, they have not used their litter box the same since these things have been blasting. I am so disgusted by this, my quality of life is gone, I suffer from anxiety, I sit wondering when a blast will go off. NO ONE should have had to deal with this. I hope Warren County will follow their conscience and do what is best for the residents to live peaceful, quiet existences. Our cities, towns, counties have very nice public displays, that should have been enough, but money talks. Please see that people know we are not happy with the decision made for us. I dread Christmas, they can buy fireworks from December 26 to New Years, do you know what New Years Eve will be like? There is no excuse for this. Thank you for your report, I enjoy watching you, you are very professional. Joyce Marrocco

Allen, Amanda

From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: FW: message from concerned resident @ 4pm

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From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:38 PM
To: Amanda (amanda@praimgroup.com)
Subject: FW: message from concerned resident @ 4pm

Amanda,

FYI - I just sent the email below to Board and forgot to copy you.

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From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Geraghty, Kevin (kevin.geraghty@townofwarrensburg.net); WarrenCountySupervisors
Cc: York, Bud; Auffredou, Martin (auffredoum@warrencountyny.gov)
Subject: FW: message from concerned resident @ 4pm

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

I am forwarding to you another message I have received concerning a resident's bad experience with apparent inappropriate use of fireworks. I am advised that Ms. Kosek wanted to be sure that County Officials had this feedback.

Regards,

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From: Hogan, Samantha
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Dusek, Paul
Subject: message from concerned resident @ 4pm

Paul,

I received a call from a concerned resident, Michelle Kosek who stated she wanted to give feedback on her experience at one of the beaches in Lake George on the 4th of July. She stated her concern had to do with the fact that there were teenagers and young adults letting off fireworks on the crowded public beach. She stated she wanted to call the Sheriff but felt that it would not have done any good noting that fireworks were legal in Warren County.

Samantha Hogan

Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
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Allen, Amanda

From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: FW: message from concerned resident @ 4pm -Fireworks

Amanda,

This is another complaint on the fireworks – this came by phone. Please see the email chain below.

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From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Geraghty, Kevin (kevin.geraghty@townofwarrensburg.net); WarrenCountySupervisors
Cc: York, Bud; Auffredou, Martin (auffredoum@warrencountyny.gov)
Subject: FW: message from concerned resident @ 4pm

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

I am forwarding to you another message I have received concerning a resident's bad experience with apparent inappropriate use of fireworks. I am advised that Ms. Kosek wanted to be sure that County Officials had this feedback.

Regards,

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From: Hogan, Samantha
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 4:24 PM
To: Dusek, Paul
Subject: message from concerned resident @ 4pm

Paul,

I received a call from a concerned resident, Michelle Kosek who stated she wanted to give feedback on her experience at one of the beaches in Lake George on the 4th of July. She stated her concern had to do with the fact that there were teenagers and young adults letting off fireworks on the crowded public beach. She stated she wanted to call the Sheriff but felt that it would not have done any good noting that fireworks were legal in Warren County.

Samantha Hogan

Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
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Allen, Amanda

From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: FW: Concerns about fireworks use - Village of Lake George
Attachments: FW: fireworks ordinance...; County Fireworks ordinance; Re: County Fireworks ordinance

Amanda,

I now see I forgot to copy you! Here you is the email I sent to the Board. I attached the emails I received from Ms. Kirkpatrick.

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From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2015 10:08 AM
To: Geraghty, Kevin (kevin.geraghty@townofwarrensburg.net); WarrenCountySupervisors
Cc: Auffredou, Martin (auffredoum@warrencountyny.gov); 'lgvmayor@nycap.rr.com'
Subject: Concerns about fireworks use - Village of Lake George

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

This past Thursday I received an email from Ms. Kirkpatrick, a business owner in the Village of Lake George, expressing concerns about the new County authorization for fireworks and the subsequent noise, dangers and enforcement issues caused by the use of fireworks in the Village (she stated in a subsequent email that these were not only hers but several Canada Street merchants and property owners). Ms. Kirkpatrick requested that the County reconsider rescinding the law or at least limiting it. I responded to her email, acknowledging her concerns and difficulties as well advising that I would forward her email on to you as well as the County Attorney.

In furtherance of the above, I attach Ms. Kirkpatrick's email, my email reply and her subsequent email for your consideration.

Regards,

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Allen, Amanda

From: Mayor Robert Blais <lgvmayor@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Dusek, Paul
Subject: FW: fireworks ordinance..

From: Pattyk1029@aol.com [<mailto:Pattyk1029@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 9:55 AM
To: dusekp@warrencounty.ny.gov
Cc: lgvmayor@nycap.rr.com
Subject: fireworks ordinance...

Mr. Dusek...

I'm a commercial property owner and merchant on Canada Street in Lake George. The recent law allowing fireworks is causing a number of problems on our sidewalks!

Specifically, the small firecrackers that are now being sold make an excessively loud noise frightening passers-by and quite often making babies cry. Not all of our visitors are respectful of others. They've been warned by our peace officers on several occasions to stop throwing them at each other and I've had to ask people to leave my deck when they were using it as a 'launching pad'. Peace officers are ignored and the reply to my request was met with less than a courteous response.

Several stores are selling them now.... these devices are beyond annoying, and I believe they are potentially dangerous. They are certainly not enhancing the family atmosphere that we encourage here in the Village.

Please rethink this new law and if not rescind it, at least put some new limitations in it to forbid their use in public walkways or gatherings.

Thanks for your consideration.
Patty Kirkpatrick

Allen, Amanda

From: Dusek, Paul
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Pattyk1029@aol.com
Cc: 'lgvmayor@nycap.rr.com'
Subject: County Fireworks ordinance

Dear Ms. Kirkpatrick,

I acknowledge receipt of your email (forwarded to this office Mayor Blais) regarding the use of fireworks by persons in your community. I am sorry to hear of the problems that you have encountered with regard to the use of fireworks. I know that the Board of Supervisors, when they adopted the local law allowing the sale and use of certain types of fireworks, anticipated dissemination of information on safe use and likewise anticipated responsible use. It is, indeed, unfortunate that you have had the experiences you described in your email.

Please rest assured that I will transmit your email to the Board of Supervisors as well as our County Attorney so that they be aware of and review your concerns going forward as you have requested.

In the meantime, if you should have any additional concerns or questions or there is anything further I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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Allen, Amanda

From: Patty <pattyk1029@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Dusek, Paul; Amanda
Subject: Re: County Fireworks ordinance

Some clarification... These aren't MY concerns experiences, but rather those of several Canada Street merchants and property owners. They are also being addressed by Mayor Blais.

Merchants and our visitors hope that you realize our sense of urgency and the responsibility you have to set restrictions on the use of fireworks on public property.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter!

Patty Kirkpatrick

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 2, 2015, at 12:03 PM, Dusek, Paul <dusekp@warrencountyny.gov> wrote:

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Robert L. Schulz
2458 Ridge Road
Queensbury, NY 12804

February 3, 2015

Chairman and Members of the
Warren County Board of Supervisors
1340 State Route 9
Lake George, NY 12845

Attn: Joan Sady - Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Dear Mr. Geraghty and Members of the Board:

With respect, please take notice the government of, by and for the People of Warren County has an element that is operating outside the Law.

Public schools in the County are applying the Common Core State Standards and participating in a multi-state assessment system based on the Common Core Standards in violation of the Constitution for the United States of America.

In addition, Civic Education in the public schools does not comply with Sections 801 and 802 of the State Education Law.

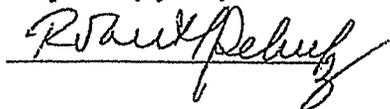
Attached is a draft of a Resolution that would have the Board call on the State Legislature to discontinue the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and participation in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Consortium in favor of an independent state-based approach to the improvement of the education system in New York.

Also attached is a draft of a County Resolution that would have the County Board of Supervisors call on the State Board of Regents to amend Social Studies Learning Standard No. 5 – *Civics, Citizenship and Government*- to bring it into compliance with the State Education Law.

We ask each of you, as a member of the Board of Supervisors, true to your Oath of Office, to defend the Constitution by introducing the attached Resolutions at the next meeting of the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,



Resolution No. _____

Supporting The Adoption of a New York State Law That Would Amend
The Education Law, In Relation To The Common Core State Standards Initiative,
The Race To The Top Program and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for
College and Careers Consortium

WHEREAS, Article VI, Paragraph 2 of the U.S. Constitution reads, "*This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding*"; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, paragraph 2, commonly referred to as the Supremacy Clause, establishes that the federal Constitution, and federal law take precedence over state laws, and even state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the action of the NYS government agreeing to accept approximately \$800 million in federal taxpayer funds to implement the Common Core education system is contrary to various provisions of the U.S. Constitution and is therefore null and void, *ab initio*; and

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution reads, "*The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people*"; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment expresses the principle of federalism, which undergirds the entire plan of the Constitution, by stating that the federal government possesses only those powers delegated to it by the States or the People; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution enumerates the powers of Congress — that is, the authoritative capacity of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 does not mention education, meaning matters regarding education, such as the Common Core educational system, are the purview of the States or the People, not the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution reads, "No State shall, without the Consent of Congress ... enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State ..."; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 10, Clause 3, which is known as the Compact Clause, prohibited New York State from entering into the Common Core related Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortia (SBAC) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Consortia (PARCC), which are interstate compacts to which Congress has never consented and are thus unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, in violation of the Constitution, New York State submitted its Race to the Top Application for Phase 1 in January 2010 and for Phase 2 in May 2010 (the CCSSI were not released until June of 2010 meaning that New York State committed to the CCSSI before they were written); and

WHEREAS, in violation of the Constitution, local education officials, school leaders, teachers, and parents were not included in the discussion, evaluation and preparation of the CCSSI standards that would affect students in this State; and

WHEREAS, the National Assessment of Educational Progress national test already exists and allows comparisons of academic achievement to be made across the states, without the necessity of imposing national standards, curricula, or assessments; and

WHEREAS, in violation of the Constitution, the imposition of a set of national standards could lead to the imposition of a national curriculum and national assessment upon the various states; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors emphatically urges New York State Legislature and the Governor to adopt a law that would bring New York State into compliance with the U.S. Constitution by discontinuing the Common Core State Standards and ending New York State's involvement with the Race To The Top Program and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Consortium; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors urges the New York State Legislature to call for and fund an independent state-based approach and PLAN to improve the education system in New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly and Senate Education Committee Chairmen, and the Warren County elected Assemblyman and Senator.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Resolution No. _____

Supporting An Amendment to New York State's Social Studies
Learning Standard No. 5,
Civics, Citizenship and Government

WHEREAS, the People are entitled, by Right, to a constitutionally valid system of education, which prepares each citizen to meet the obligations of citizenship in America, to understand America's constitutional form of governance and each one's own unalienable Rights and the responsibility to preserve and protect the blessings of individual liberty for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Section 801 of the New York State Education Law reads, in relevant part, with emphasis added:

§ 801. Courses of instruction in patriotism and citizenship and in certain historic documents.

1. In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civic service and obligation and to foster in the children of the state moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing to meet the obligations of citizenship in peace or in war, the regents of The University of the State of New York shall prescribe courses of instruction in patriotism, citizenship, and human rights issues ...

2. The regents shall prescribe courses of instruction in the history, meaning, significance and effect of the provisions of the constitution of the United States, the amendments thereto, the declaration of independence, the constitution of the state of New York and the amendments thereto, to be maintained and followed in all of the schools of the state. The boards of education and trustees of the several cities and school districts of the state shall require instruction to be given in such courses, by the teachers employed in the schools therein. All pupils attending such schools, in the eighth and higher grades, shall attend upon such instruction.

Similar courses of instruction shall be prescribed and maintained in private schools in the state, and all pupils in such schools in grades or classes corresponding to the instruction in the eighth and higher grades of the public schools shall attend upon such courses; and

WHEREAS, Section 802 of the New York State Education Law reads, in relevant part, with emphasis added:

§ 802. Instruction relating to the flag; holidays.

1. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to prepare, for the use of the public schools of the state, a program providing for a salute to the flag and a daily pledge of allegiance to the flag, and instruction in its correct use and display which shall include, as a minimum, specific instruction regarding respect for the flag of the United States of

America, its display and use as provided by federal statute and regulation and such other patriotic exercises as may be deemed by him to be expedient, under such regulations and instructions as may best meet the varied requirements of the different grades in such schools. However, such instruction shall include, as a minimum, the provisions of sections one hundred seventy through one hundred seventy-seven of title thirty-six of the United States Code; and .

WHEREAS, the learning standard for *Civics, Citizenship and Government*, which is the fifth learning standard for Social Studies in New York State, currently reads in its entirety:

“Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of the necessity for establishing governments; the governmental systems of the United States and other nations; the United States Constitution; the basic civic values of American constitutional democracy; and the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship, including avenues of participation.”; and

WHEREAS, the current New York State learning standard for *Civics, Citizenship and Government* fails to Comply with Sections 801 and 802 of the New York State Education Law; and

WHEREAS, the current system of public education violates the principle of the “frequent recurrence to fundamental principles” that emerges from our State Constitution and from the Declaration of Independence and Constitution for the United States of America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors does hereby emphatically urge the Board of Regents to amend the learning standard for *Civics, Citizenship and Government* to comply with Sections 801 and 802, to read as follows:

Social Studies Standard 5: *Civics, Citizenship, and Government*.

“Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of the necessity for establishing governments, with particular attention to the need to secure the individual’s Creator-endowed, unalienable Rights; the history, meaning, significance and effect of the provisions of the United States Declaration of Independence, the Constitution for the State of New York, as amended, and the Constitution for the United States of America, as amended; the basic civic values of the American democratic Republic; the roles, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship, including avenues of participation and respect for the flag of the United States of America, its display and use as provided by sections one hundred seventy through one hundred seventy-seven of title thirty-six of the United States Code; and the governmental systems of the United States and other nations; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly and Senate Education Committee Chairmen, and to the State Assemblyman and Senator serving the County.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
 AYES: NOES:

Warren County Sheriff's Office

1400 State Route 9
Lake George, New York 12845
(518) 743-2500

Nathan H. York
Warren County Sheriff



Undersheriff C. Shawn Lamouree
Division Commander
Law Enforcement Division

Major James A. LaFarr
Office of Professional Standards
Administration

Captain Michael T. Gates
Division Commander
Correction Division

July 7, 2015

NON SUPPORT OF A6430 AS UNFUNDED MANDATE

WHEREAS, in the waning days of the legislative session NYS Assembly Bill A6430 was discharged expeditiously through committees of both houses and various entities were never given an opportunity to make comments, and

WHEREAS, it makes amendments to the current law on security restraints for female pregnant prisoners on how and when they may be used, as well as "no restraint" provisions, and that a sheriff must find extraordinary circumstances exist, must seek medical consultation, must justify use in writing, must not have correction staff present during birth yet be responsible for security, must give written notice to any female incarcerated and again if pregnant, must provide annual training for all correctional transport staff, and must report in writing annually to the (1) Governor, (2) the temporary president of the senate, (3) the minority leader of the senate, (4) the speaker of the assembly, (5) the minority leader of the assembly, (6) the chairperson of the senate crime victims, (7) crime and correction committee and (8) the chairperson of the assembly correction committee every time the use of restraints on a woman under this bill, and

WHEREAS, everyone involved in the custody of a pregnant female needs to understand the different medical issues involved and that she be dealt with accordingly and safely, however the language in this bill is excessive, overstated, and extraordinary burdensome in many ways resulting in an unfunded mandate, and an increase in the overtime of corrections costs to the counties, and in some circumstances will jeopardize safety, create escape possibilities, and security concerns of all involved, and this is not the time for such issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors urges the nonsupport of this legislation, and that the extreme provisions be amended to avoid the unfunded mandate to counties while maintaining the safety of the female and the security of the incarceration for everyone, and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo, Senator Little, Assemblyman Stec, the NYS Association of Counties, the NYS Sheriffs' Association, and Sheriff Nathan H. York.

Nathan H. York



Warren County Sheriff



Resolution No. 120

Supervisor POTTER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW REGARDING DESIGNATION OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAVEL BY ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

WHEREAS, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riding is a popular activity in New York State; and

WHEREAS, many towns and counties in the Adirondacks and across New York State have developed, or are developing multiuse trail systems open to ATV's; and

WHEREAS, these trail systems are important to rural economies that are dependent on tourism and increase revenue streams for local, county and state government; and

WHEREAS, an "otherwise impossible" restriction in current Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 2405, does not allow towns and counties the flexibility to open roads to adjoining trail systems and lands for completion of trail systems; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board has asked the Fulton County Board of Supervisors to support state legislation to amend NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law to allow localities the ability to connect trail systems and facilitate travel by All Terrain Vehicles; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Governor and the State Legislature to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law to provide local governments with increased authority to designate roads open for ATV and UTV use as they deem necessary by deleting the "otherwise impossible" restriction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Cuomo, Senator Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Hugh Farley, Assemblyman Marc Butler, DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann, the Twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, Adirondack Park Agency, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

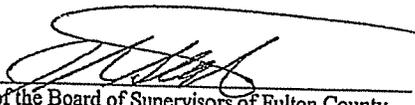
Seconded by Supervisor WALDRON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Born, Callery and Howard)

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF FULTON } "

I, Jon R. Stead, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 13th day of APRIL 2015, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal
this 13th day of APRIL 2015


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County

Earlier this year, Warren County made the right decision to allow the sale of safe sparklers. There are clear and valid reasons that more than half of the counties in New York, including Warren, passed legislation including:

- Ground based and hand held products are overwhelmingly safer than the out of state and improvised devices that people are more likely to purchase if sparklers aren't on the shelves.
- Sparklers are an American tradition and provide families across Warren County with countless hours of safe backyard fun.

Here are some things to consider that will help us create the safest and most enjoyable environment for the use of the sparklers going forward:

- **Education and partnership are the keys:** Our company will offer seminars for law enforcement agencies in Warren County so they know what to look for in the future and to clear up any confusion about what can and cannot be used. There is a stark difference between the ground-based and handheld sparklers that are legal in New York and those more powerful products that remain illegal.

Illegal devices (like Roman Candles, M-80's or anything airborne) are purchased outside of the state. Similarly, particularly in Lake George, unlicensed stores decided to skirt the law by selling products without the proper license. We want to work with County officials to help them identify these products and unlicensed vendors. Through cooperation, we can ensure that people trying to take advantage of the situation are held accountable.

- **Being smart about safety:** When used properly, there is no question that sparklers are safe. In the stores where we distributed and on our packaging, we provide clear instructions about how to smartly use these devices. There are some common sense steps that everyone should take when enjoying sparklers to minimize risk:

Sparklers should be extinguished before disposing of them. Always keep a hose or bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies. Keep sparklers outside, and use them on hard surfaces like concrete in clear areas away from houses, buildings and dry grass.

- **Tax Revenue for Warren County:** This County received valuable tax revenue that will go towards fire safety education.
- **Sparklers are the Safe Option:** Since 1998, 9 states and Puerto Rico have legalized fireworks. Despite the rapid pace of legalization across the country, the Consumer Product Safety Commission found there has been no statistically significant increase in injuries. That brings the total number to 47 states where sparklers are legal. Now 95% of people across the country can legally and safely enjoy fireworks.
- **Pet friendly products:** Our company makes a number of products that are specifically designed to minimize their impact on pets. We are also focused on encouraging constructive solutions, like making sure people know to use sparklers away from pets.

We are anxious to partner with county officials and work together to make the next selling period even more successful.