**A special meeting of the Mendon Town Board was held at 7:00 PM, Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY.**

**PRESENT:** John D. Moffitt, *Supervisor*

Cynthia M. Carroll*}*

# Thomas G. Dubois *}* *Town Board*

# Karen R. Jenkins *} Members*

Brent Rosiek

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**TOWN CLERK:** Michelle Booth

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:** Andrew Caschetta

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Danny Bassette, *Zoning Board Chair,* Katrina Allen, *Planning Board/ZBA Secretary,* Lauren Smith, *Planning Board Chair*, Earl DeRue, *Planning Board Member,* Chris Mahood, *Planning Board Member,* Kim Roberts, and 46 others.

*Supervisor Moffitt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

# AGENDA

## (Resolution 23-154)

A motion was made by Mr. Dubois, seconded by Mrs. Carroll, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Rosiek, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Christine Brush, Business Owner of 16 Mendon Ionia Rd, read a letter that was written and signed by some members of the Mendon Business Association.
2. Hilary Stott, 75 Langpap Rd, spoke out against the new laws. She would like to be able to rent her home if she wants. She wouldn’t want a short-term rental next door to her.
3. Roberta Rink, 987 Mile Square Rd, is in favor of the laws. There is a short-term rental next door to her. She was concerned with the traffic, septic and character of the Town.
4. Tom Gift, 670 Cheese Factory Rd, spoke about the documents he read online before the meeting.
5. Sheila Keyes, 296 Taylor Rd, says she would like the opportunity to rent her home, but she wouldn’t like a short-term rental next door.
6. Peggy Ooi, 494 Main St Fishers, she is in favor of the new laws. She moved to Mendon, in a RA-5 area for a reason; she likes the quiet residential character without a business next door.
7. Margaret Fiore, 383 Pond Rd, Spoke out against these new laws.
8. Claiborn Kuhn, 1387 W Bloomfield Rd, spoke out against the new laws.
9. Louis Landt, 135 Pond Rd, he appreciates what Ms. Fiore has done to her property. They haven’t had any issues with noise.
10. Renee Williams, 12 Chambord Dr, has had first hand negative experience with a neighborhood short-term rental. She agrees with these laws.
11. Molly Storke, 479 Cheese Factory Rd, stays in short-term rentals frequently. She believes the Town needs more affordable housing and the short-term rentals could help.
12. Cory Trewer, 76 Monroe St., stated he had a full-time job in the Town, now he works out of Town, because of these proposed laws; working out of Town effects his ability to volunteer in the Fire Department.
13. David Stott, 75 Langpap Rd, would like to see more options, other than an outright ban on these rentals.
14. Molly Storke, 479 Cheese Factory Rd, said the taxes are too high in Mendon; having the option to rent an accessory dwelling unit could help people financially.
15. Tom Gift, 670 Cheese Factory Rd, stated that affordable housing is generally hurt by the short-term rentals.

**PUBLIC HEARING- LOCAL LAW #1-2023 SHORT TERM RENTAL**

***(Resolution 23-155)***

The Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2023 Short Term Rental.

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:28pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Sandra Finn, 1525 W. Bloomfield Rd., would like to see some short-term rentals in the area for her family to use.
2. Christine Brush, Business Owner of 16 Mendon Ionia Rd, would like to see the short-term rentals allowed in Mendon with some respectful regulations.
3. Sheila Keyes, 296 Taylor Rd, owns a syrup farm, she would like the option to have someone park their camper for a weekend if she wanted to.
4. Hilary Stott, 75 Langpap Rd, rents a home on a lake and has only had to leave one negative review. She states that the platforms used for these will not allow you to rent again if you abuse the rules. She says people like to walk places when they stay, not drive. She believes there must be a way to allow these short-term rentals respectfully.
5. Dan Balistere, 2 Kingsbridge Ln, owns a property in another Town, the neighboring property is a short-term rental, and he says the renters have no respect for other peoples’ property.
6. Roberta Rink, 987 Mile Square Rd, says there has been a short-term rental operating next to her home. The traffic and large quantities of people make her feel like there is a hotel and it doesn’t belong in a residential area.
7. Wendy Greer, 175 Drumlin View, believes the short-term rentals would diminish the social aspect of a neighborhood. She actively watches out for her elderly neighbors and helps them when needed; a short-term renter would not do that.
8. Margaret Fiore, 383 Pond Rd, read a text aloud from her husband John Fiore. He is against these laws and has 300 signatures on a Change.org petitions.
9. Mike McRae, 3021 Rush Mendon Rd., believes that there has to be a balance in these laws, there shouldn’t be extremes on either side of this issue.
10. Tim Schiefen, Business Owner of 1350 Pittsford Mendon Rd, vibrantly stated that this is the start to a good law, the Board has many things to consider. He wants to see Mendon be a nice place and there has to be a happy medium that will make everyone happy. He is neither for nor against these laws, but who polices these places in the middle of the night, or comes on a weekend when something is going wrong?
11. Chelsea Thompson, 59 Ontario St, stated that she feels like the Town is trying to control her village property. She worries that will tell her what to grow in her garden or that she can’t have a large barking dog. She doesn’t feel like it is the Town that should decide.
12. Molly Storke, 479 Cheese Factory Rd, suggested that instead of a ban on all short-term rentals, they could allow people to do a trial time and see how it goes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to close the Public Hearing.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Rosiek, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

**PUBLIC HEARING- LOCAL LAW #2-2023 BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS**

***(Resolution 23-156)***

The Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2023 Bed and Breakfast Establishments.

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:49pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Tom Gift, 670 Cheese Factory Rd, spoke about compromising with the proposed laws.

Supervisor Moffitt stated that he did receive emails from John Fiore, David Gascon, and the Mendon Business Association.

A motion was made by Mr. Rosiek, seconded by Mr. Dubois, to close the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Tim Schiefen, Business Owner of 1350 Pittsford Mendon Rd, did have a complaint about the refuse removal in the Town. He says the new way they pick up garbage is causing trash to go everywhere. The residents and business owners are out cleaning it up after.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***(Resolution 23-157)***

A motion was made by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Adopted: Mrs. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Mrs. Jenkins, Aye; Mr. Rosiek, Aye; Mr. Moffitt, Aye.

The full meeting can be viewed on the Town YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@townofmendonny9281