

**Town Of Kingston      February 19th, 2025      Public Hearing #1**

**Public Hearing # 1- INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 350 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON CONCERNING THE RESERVATION OF PARKLAND ON SUBDIVISION PLATS OR PAYMENT IN LIEU THEREOF**

Present were Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Nelson, Councilman Queipo, Town Attorney Ashley Torre, Planning Board Deputy Chair Sliva, Town Clerk Nelson and 2 members of the public. Supervisor Landi and Councilman Wells were excused.

Councilman Hoffman made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:45 pm, it was seconded by Councilman Queipo. All approved.

Councilman Nelson read a summary of the Introductory Local Law #1-2025.

A question was brought up about section A.3 of the law, clarifying that the Planning Board shall assess the size and suitability of lands shown, not the Town Board. That will be adjusted in the wording of the Law.

A resident also questioned the fee scale for this law, it was made clear that once the fee was set it will be posted on the Town fee Schedule and will be reviewed annually.

A resident questioned the sentence in A.3 that says “whether there is a need for additional facilities in the immediate neighborhood” and asked if the part of the sentence stating “in the immediate neighborhood” could be removed. It was verified by the attorney that it is part of the NYS statute so it cannot be changed.

A resident emailed a comment in to be read by the Town Board and it basically states that they feel the Law is an appropriate way for the Town to plan and save for the future and help with the financial burden should the Town pursue developing public open land spaces.

A discussion ensued about what the fees may be once they are set.

A motion was made by Councilman Queipo made a motion to close the public hearing, it was seconded by Councilman Hoffman. All approved. The public hearing was closed at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nelson, Town Clerk