

**PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 1 of 2022  
April 7, 2022**

A Public Hearing was held on April 7, 2022 in person at 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park of Proposed **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022, ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO AMEND CHAPTER 123, "ZONING," OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESSORY MARINA CAMPGROUNDS.**

**Supervisor Danielle Freer  
Councilman Evelyn Clarke  
Councilman Laura Robinson  
Councilman Kathie Quick  
Councilman Jared Geuss**

**Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

**WAYS TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. In-Person – Attend the Workshop
2. PHONE IN –Leave a voicemail on (845)339-1811 x106 prior to the meeting
3. EMAIL - [outreach@esopus.com](mailto:outreach@esopus.com) with the subject line "Public Comment"
4. MAIL – mail written comments to:

*Town of Esopus, P.O. Box 700  
Port Ewen, NY 12466*

**Proposed Local Law 1 was introduced on March 17, 2022 and Noticed in the Daily Freeman on March 22, 2022. The proposed law was available for review in the Town Clerk's Office and available [www.esopus.com](http://www.esopus.com).**

**SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022, ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO AMEND CHAPTER 123, "ZONING," OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESSORY MARINA CAMPGROUNDS AT 6:50 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Diane Hull, First St. Connelly** read a prepared statement on behalf of the Connelly Quality of Life Committee and submitted a copy for the record with signatures. The statement was in opposition to Local Law 1 of 2022 and noted concerns of dangerous vehicle/pedestrian traffic, noise and potential environmental hazards. Full statement is attached as Addendum A.

**David Weitz, Plantasia Ave Connelly**, said while working for NYSDEC he was onsite to address spills at the yacht clubs; he has since retired. He is concerned with "cuts" in the culverts that were dug along the dirt road last year and hears rumors relating to alleged campsites. Sewage

in the water would be disastrous. State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) feels campsites are a total disaster.

**Councilman Geuss** said he remembered having a conversation with Mr. Wietz regarding this area last fall. The dirt road was not installed for campgrounds, it was to store equipment and materials to repair the bulkhead at the Rondout Marina.

**Councilman Quick** said no permits have been issued other than the driveway for Rondout Marina that she was aware of; they are busy with the repair of the bulkhead.

Mr. Weitz also added that Castaway Marina was burning plastic containers and kerosene.

**Stacy Arenella**, Andorn Lane, said from spring to fall she can hear/feel the music from in her home from the Castaway Marina until 11pm - midnight. What happened to the Noise Ordinance? Her kids wait for the bus, when it rains and dark in the fall, they fly through the streets. She asked the status of the stop signs discussed over the past 8-12 months that were supposed to go up. She asked if there is a lawsuit, why is there a new law asking to expand use. She said its shady and the owner is selling and advertising it for 15 campsites in the paper. She wants to know the docket number of the case. They are also burning plastics.

**Supervisor Freer** said this is part of an ongoing litigation and cannot comment on the case. Supervisor Freer also addressed her other comments. The Highway Department will be putting signs up according to the location recommendations of the Highway Superintendent that were referenced in the meeting on 12/16/2022. The Noise ordinance was voted down 4-1.

**Councilman Geuss** said by introducing this local Law the Town is trying to get in front of things and would like to see the Marina cleaned up. People want increased access to the waterfront. The town is also seeking input from their boards and trying to find ways to help expand business.

**Councilman Quick** added that the number of RV's have to be approved by NYSDOH who have written expectations for sanitary sites.

**Lynn Corcoran Johnson, Port Ewen** has family that live in Connelly and asked what is to say they will follow the rules and sneak more in?

Ken Arenella asked if any residents are for it?

Supervisor Freer said Yes, the feedback was given throughout the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Updates. The residents wanted to clean up waterfront and have fun with it; bring new life to the waterfront. We are not taking advantage of all the potential the waterfront has to offer. We need to find a balance for residents and for those who want to enjoy the waterfront. If a marina is not complying, there has to be a law with teeth to prevent misuse.

**Supervisor Freer** thanks everyone for their input and will work with everyone. She said she feels they are heading in the right direction to make things better.

**SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER MADE A MOTION AT 7:14 PM TO HOLD OPEN AND CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 21, 2022 AT 6:45 PM, 1 TOWN HALL WAY ULSTER PARK NY.**

**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Respectively Submitted,  
Holly A. Netter  
Town Clerk, RMC*

**Connelly Quality of Life Committee, Spring 2022  
Collection of Public Comment with Signatures  
RE: Proposed Local Law 1-2022**

We, the undersigned homeowners and residents of Connelly, oppose the town of Esopus' proposed Local Law 1 of 2022 (LL1-2022) which would permit up to 15 RV/campsites at our waterfront marinas. The proposed law accommodates rather than ends the ongoing public safety concerns related to the Connelly marinas—Castaway's in particular. Rather than improve our Hamlet as it should, LL1-2022 will exacerbate the following quality-of-life hazards in Connelly:

**Dangerous Vehicle & Pedestrian Traffic; Insufficient Sidewalks & Parking**

By driving even more traffic to the waterfront marinas, LL1-2022 will worsen an already dangerous situation on the roads of Connelly. Throughout our Hamlet, there are minimal sidewalks and inadequate traffic control, creating a perilous situation for the numerous families in the hamlet—many of them with young children—who have lived and walked these streets for generations. In recent years, as the Hamlet marinas have expanded their services, at times illegally, the parents and children of Connelly have seen their previously quiet streets overwhelmed by cars, trucks, ATVs, and RVs that speed down Plantasie and onto First St en route to waterfront activities. These vehicles speed because there are no speed limit signs; they don't ever stop because there are no stop signs; and they often park on the side of the road because there is no designated public parking to be had.

As everyone in the Hamlet knows, pedestrians routinely walk First St and Plantasie because that is the only way to check their mail at the post office (there is no mail route). Yet currently, there are no continuous sidewalks pedestrians can use to do so. This—along with the high speed, uncontrolled traffic—is a recipe for disaster. By increasing traffic to the hamlet, the proposed legislation will only ensure that this disaster happens sooner rather than later.

**Noise**

By adding to the seasonal populations of Hamlet marinas, LL1-2022 will also worsen the already illegal noise issues related to these facilities. The town marinas—and Castaways in particular—seem to think it's their right to host ongoing, large, loud, at times unpermitted parties without regard for the families living beside them. Apparently the Town thinks it will be a good idea to furnish said parties with a built-in crowd, which of course, will only ensure that the noise of said parties will be louder and go on later into the night. The Town needs to pass separate legislation protecting quiet hours after 9p in the Hamlet rather than adopting the proposed law that will increase the number of temporary residents living at the marinas.

**Environmental Hazards**

LL1-2022 facilitates more onsite residents of town marinas by allowing more RVs, but how will all of their additional waste (trash, sewage, etc.) be dealt with? The DEC has already investigated Castaway's marina for hazardous spills on multiple occasions. Although our town drinking water comes from the Hudson but a short distance from the marinas, proponents of LL1-2022 seem not to mind that the law does nothing to solve—and will make far worse—the problem of illegal sewage dumping in the Rondout that has only been worsened by the arrival of RVs.

We, the undersigned, encourage our town officials to VOTE NO on LL1-2022.

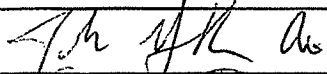
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	Dina Ross	113 Second St 12417
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	Jolyne Gray	122 3rd St
	Chris Wenzel	123 First St

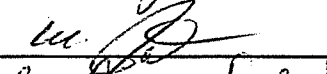



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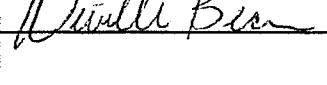
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