

Minutes of September 29, 2021, Germantown Town Board Workshop, held at the Pavilion, Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York and via Zoom, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian

Via Zoom: Councilmember Suarez

Recorded by: Town Supervisor, Robert Beaury

The Town Board met with members of the public to discuss the application submitted by New York State Marine Highway Transportation LLC for a mooring permit on the Hudson River near the shore of Germantown.

Councilman Christian explained the relevant details of the application and Board members answered questions from the public to the extent those answers were known.

Councilmember Suarez expressed her support for action by the Town Board.

Several members of the public expressed concerns about the effect of the mooring and barge traffic and, if approved, the precedent for how the Hudson River is used for commercial purposes. Others asked questions and made comments regarding the cumulative effects of an approval on our Town, including but not limited to conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, and safety.

The Supervisor suggested that a letter be written to the Army Corp of Engineers, the agency responsible for reviewing the application, requesting a Public Hearing in Germantown that will provide stakeholders with the opportunity to be heard and ask questions on this matter.

The Workshop was closed at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Sportsmen's Association and members of the public to continue the conversation about the Lease and the concern of the Sportsmen about swimming at the property covered under the Lease.

Both parts of the property on either side of Dale's Bridge Road were looked at and the discussion centered on appropriate and sufficient signage to remind the public that swimming is prohibited at both locations.

Also discussed was the language in the Lease addressing this matter.

The public asked several questions about swimming and access that were addressed.

The meeting concluded with the Town Board agreeing to place this on the agenda for the November 10, 2021, Board meeting for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.

Respectfully submitted.

