

Minutes of March 11, 2025, Germantown Town Board LWRP workshop, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 6:04pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Present via Zoom: Councilman Christian

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the workshop and turned the floor over to Councilman Christian. Councilman Christian said they have been working with a new consultant, EDR. A draft of the current LWRP will be sent to Department of State early next week. Councilman Christian said DOS is understaffed and it may take up to a year to get the draft back. Councilman Christian said the Harbor Management map shows that it goes out to the middle of the river and past the navigational channel to the north. Councilman Christian said if we create a Harbor Management Law we will be able to dictate what is allowed in that area. Councilman Christian went over section 6 & 7 discussion moored and anchored vessels. Section 8 Floats, section 9 discharging refuse or garbage, section 10 enforcement. Section 11 penalties punishable with fine or even jail time. Councilmember Suarez and Supervisor Helsley agree with the way the law is written. Councilman Christian mentioned that Harbor Management area does not include any waters of the Roe Jan. Councilman Christian gave a history of the shoreline, wetlands, cliffs and forest areas with the animal and bird habitat and how important section 8 of the law. In closing Councilman Christian said the next steps are: review and make changes by the Town Board and Corinne's review and then DOS should be given the final draft. Town Board agreed to Corinne reviewing then go before the Town Board. Supervisor Helsley thanked Councilman Christian.

Motion to close the workshop at 6:55pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,