

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham for the Mass Gathering Law held July 15, 2003, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present: Robert Young – Supervisor
 Gary Hulbert – Councilman
 Linda Sutton Councilwoman

Absent: Robert Elpel - Councilman
 William A. Carr, Jr. – Councilman

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
 Others Present: Charles Soderblom - Town Clerk
 Wesley Moore – Highway Superintendent
 Tal Rappleyea – Attorney for the Town

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Twenty- seven people were present.

(Although Mr. Elpel and Mr. Carr were not present at the beginning of the meeting, each one came during the course of the meeting and were present at the finish).

Mr. Hulbert stated that upon additional review and conversations with the NYS Police and Greene County Sheriffs office he felt the number of 1000 people was too low of a threshold for the implementation of the Mass Gathering Law and proposed that the number be raised to 2000 people.

Officer Sutton added that he had a discussion with the NYS Police and Greene County who agreed that consideration needs to be made for a percentage of overrun concerning the threshold that is decided upon. The standard is 10%. Mr. Sutton also explained that the threshold number is the number of people at any one time not over the length of the event. For example an event could have 10,000 visitors over the whole time of the event but at the most only 2000 were on the property at a specific time.

In response to a question from the audience, Attorney Rappleyea explained that in order to make this a law, the Board must agree on a final draft, then hold a public hearing, then if board is in agreement, vote; and if they don't agree repeat the process.

The following comments were offered from the audience: that 2,000 participants rather than 1,000 be the threshold; that a public notice be put into the paper by either the organizer or the town whenever the town approves a Mass Gathering permit; the quiet time be set at 11 P.M. to 8 A.M.; and the insurance be set at 2 million.

Mr. Carr commented that he might go along with 1,500, but he felt that 2, 000 was too high. The other items did not bother him to agree with.

The next work session for the MGL will be Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 7 p.m. and a public

hearing Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Hulbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. All were in favor.

Minutes Approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk