



# VILLAGE OF COLONIE

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TRUSTEE

**FRANK A. PREVRATIL**  
TRUSTEE

**JAMIE L. BLOT**  
VILLAGE CLERK

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024 "AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF COLONIE CODE BOOK"

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

6:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Rubino to open the public hearing.  
Motion seconded by Trustee Lockart.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Yes

Motion passed.

The Clerk read aloud the public hearing notice as it appeared in the newspaper.

Deputy Mayor Sim explained that the Village of Colonie has been reviewing the Village code and adding items and need to be added and modifying areas that need modifications. He said the proposed changes include addressing a section on chickens. The Town of Colonie allows for chickens so the proposed changes would allow the same in the Village of Colonie. This also gives us some teeth to enforce the regulations on chickens since currently our code is mute on the subject. Other proposed include adding the definition of trailers, whether they are hitched or unhitched, and in the roadway or right-of-way. Deputy Mayor Sim added we've had some folks who leave unhitched trailers on their property for years on end. These code changes would allow for code enforcement to enforce that that not be allowed.

Deputy Mayor Sim asked Deputy Clerk Curran if she had any additional comments, to which she didn't.

Deputy Mayor Sim asked Code Officer Rivera is he had anything further to add, to which he didn't, but he introduced new Building Official Joe Lennox.

Resident, Ellen Collins asked if there were current residents who have chickens, to which Deputy Mayor Sim said yes, right now people have them and our code doesn't address having them. Ms. Collins said if more people were aware of this change she said they would probably have been present tonight and against it, as she is. Code Enforcement Officer Rivera said there are regulations in the proposed regulations that required the

chickens be cooped and there are no roosters allowed. Deputy Mayor Sim read aloud the section regarding chickens.

Clerk Blot also added that with the Village being within the Town boundaries, we wanted to follow the Town law on this so we didn't have a Town resident allowed to have chickens with a Village resident neighbor who wasn't allowed to.

Resident Joanne Stevens asked where the coop would be located, to which Code Officer Rivera said it would have to meet the setback regulations with any structure from the property line and would need to go through the permit process.

There were no further questions or comments from the board or public.

Deputy Mayor Sim made a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion seconded by Trustee Lockart.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Yes

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot  
Village Clerk