

MEETING NO. 25
REGULAR NO 24

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DEC. 18, 2006
7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Alden Town Board was held in the Town Hall at 3311 Wende Road on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to Order. Councilwoman Riddoch led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call was taken by the Town Clerk.

PRESENT: Ronald L. Smith, Supervisor
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman
William Weber, Councilman
Ronald L. Snyder, Councilman
Arlene A. Cooke, Councilwoman
RECORDING SECRETARY: Dorothy L. Bycina, Town Clerk
OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Crist, Deputy Town Clerk
Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Frank Trybuskiewicz, CEO
Ralph Witt, Planning Board Chairman

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes & Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2006. Unanimously carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILWOMAN COOKE AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SNYDER TO WIT;

ACCOUNT	ABST #1	ABST #2	TOTAL
General Fund "A	8,406.46		8,406.46
Hghway Fund "DA/DB"	11,343.36		11,343.36
Part-Town Fund "B"	3,430.26		3,430.26
Water Dist #2 Fund "WB"	375.20		375.20
Water Dist #3 Fund "WC"	1,983.20		1,983.20
Water Dist #4 Fund "WD"	1,299.80		1,299.80
Sewer Dist #2 Fund "SA"	1,036.54		1,036.54
Special Refuse Fund "SR"	38,996.70		38,996.70
Street Lighting Fund "SL"	7,088.00		7,088.00
TOTAL	73,959.52		73,959.52

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE THE FOREGOING WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Ralph Monde/933 Bonnie Lake requested help with the Drainage problem on his Street. After a discussion with the Supervisor, Planning Board Chairman Witt, and CEO/Trybuskiewicz - it was decided that an appointment be made with the Town Engineer and Councilman Weber – Councilman Snyder requested he be involved also.

Robert Wohlgemuth/11849 Genesee St advised that the ditch behind his property was not draining – after the discussion Supervisor Smith suggested that Councilman Weber would check this out.

Mr. Wohlgemuth had questions re the Rezone on Broadway – referred to the incomplete Short Form SEQR/ Site Plan. He stated that this has been going on for ten (10) months – feels that the Board should pass a Resolution putting a stop to this. Supervisor Smith advised that Mr. Russo will be at the December 26th Work Session and at that time he will be able to get more information re this Rezone.

Colleen Czechowski/12199 S Blossom Lea asked if Mr. Russo would come to the January 8th, 2007 Work Session since she feels a lot of the concerned residents will be out of Town for the Holidays – The Supervisor stated that the date will not be changed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Riddoch reported the following: received several letters requesting re-appointment; received a call from Bob Burke/ Independent Health – we need to get more information before we renew in January – to be placed on Work Session; received the report from Rural Metro re their response – it was 91% (some of the late response was during the October storm).

Councilman Weber reported the following: a letter from the Highway Supt re Off-road drainage; letter from Mr. McGee/Boncliff re some uphill work that was done at his home; received a verbal commitment from the Supt of Ground/ACS re a Generator that they no longer use – it will be donated to the Town.

Attorney Strong received a letter from the Attorney for the Cell Tower on Exchange St requesting the release of the \$20,000 held in escrow – the money will be released; LaFarge on Billo Road has applied for an Appeal with the ZBA – a Public Hearing has been set.

Councilwoman Cooke reported that the Personnel Policy is done – she has a rough draft – needs to be retyped; she spoke to Legislator Konst re information on Generators; spoke to the Supt of Grounds at ACS re a cage for the Defibrillator to be stored in.

Supervisor Smith reported the following: letter from State of New York/Office of Real Property Services advising that the Grant for the Town Web Site has been approved; letter from the Western New York Teamster Welfare Fund advising of the rate for the Dental and Vision Coverage; copy of the Village Board Minute's; copy of Notice of Public Hearing for the ZBA.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Riddoch moved and Councilman Weber seconded the Motion to renew the Junk Yard License for Irene M. O'Neill. Unanimously carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN WEBER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN RIDDOCH TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alden has fully considered the adoption of “Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2006, entitled “Local Law Providing for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the town of Alden”, which will enact the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the “Proposed Action”)’ and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the Proposed Actions is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk provided notice to the Erie County Division of Planning on November 21, 2006, for this Proposed Action, as required under Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law and a “no recommendation” was received from the Division on December 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act required the Town to determine the Lead Agency status and the Town Board did assume Lead Agency status on November 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the Code of the Town of Alden, Chapter 9D, the Town Board has prepared the Short Form Environmental Assessment Form, which is now on file with the Town Board and Town's SEQR Intake Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Alden Planning Board has reviewed the Proposed Action and on November 14, 2006, recommended to the Town Board the approval of the Proposed Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board did determine that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA.
2. The Town Board did determine that it should be the Lead Agency for all environmental review of the Proposed Action.
3. The Town of Alden, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the unlisted action described in the attached SEQR NEGATIVE DECLARATION, NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-significance, which attached notice is hereby made a part of this Resolution, will not have a significant effect on the environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to said Proposed Action.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alden on December 18, 2006 and was unanimously adopted.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR SMITH WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN WEBER TO WIT;

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Alden Town Board for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on December 4, 2006 at 7:40 pm at the Alden Town Hall, 3311 Wende Road, Alden, New York 14004 to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2006: Local Law Providing for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the Town of Alden; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Alden Advertiser, the official newspaper of the Town of Alden, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on December 4, 2006, and no parties in attendance had any comments in favor of or opposed to the proposed Local Law, OR all parties in favor of the local law were heard and/or all parties opposed to the Local Law were heard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) it has been determined by the Alden Town Board, as Lead Agency, (declared by the Town Board on November 20, 2006), that adoption of said proposed Local Law is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant effect upon the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Planning gave a "no recommendation" to the proposed Local Law on December 8, 2006, pursuant to section 239-m of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the neighboring municipalities were given notice of the proposed Local Law on November 21, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Alden Town Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town of Alden to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS,

1. That the Alden Town Board hereby adopts said Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2006 entitled “Local Law Providing for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the Town of Alden”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution,
2. That the Alden Town Clerk enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Alden, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York, post the same on the Town Bulletin Board and publish the same in the Alden Advertiser.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on December 18, 2006 and was unanimously adopted.

A Local Law known as Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2006 entitled “Local Law Providing for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the Town of Alden.”

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Alden as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Law shall be known as Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2006 entitled “Local Law Providing for Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the Town of Alden

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT

This local law provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (the Energy Code) in this Town. This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. Except as otherwise provided in the Uniform Code, other state law, or other section of this local law, all buildings, structures, and premises, regardless of use or occupancy, are subject to the provisions this local law.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

In this local law;

“Building Permit” shall mean a permit issued pursuant to Section 5 of this local law. The term “Building Permit” shall also include a Building Permit which is renewed, amended or extended pursuant to any provision of this local law.

“Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance” shall mean a certificate issued pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 8 of this local law.

“Code Enforcement Officer” shall mean the Code Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 4 of this local law.

“Code Enforcement Personnel” shall include the Code Enforcement Officer and all Inspectors.

“Compliance Order” shall mean an order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 16 of this local law.

“Energy Code” shall mean the State Energy Conservation Construction Code, as currently in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time.

“Inspector” shall mean an inspector appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 5 of this local law.

“Operating Permit” shall mean a permit issued pursuant to Section 11 of this local law. The term “Operating Permit” shall also include an Operating Permit which is renewed, amended or extended pursuant to any provision of this local law.

“Permit Holder” shall mean the Person to whom a Building Permit has been issued.

“Person” shall include an individual, corporation, Limited Liability Company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, estate, trust, association, or any other legal or commercial entity of any kind or description.

“Stop Work Order” shall mean an order issued pursuant to Section 7 of this local law.

“Temporary Certificate” shall mean a certificate issued pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 8 of this local law.

“Town” shall mean the Town of Alden.

“Uniform Code” shall mean the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, as currently in effect and as hereafter amended from time to time

SECTION 4 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND INSPECTORS

(a) The office of Code Enforcement Officer is hereby created. The Code Enforcement Officer shall administer and enforce all the provisions of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code and this local law. The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the following powers and duties.

(1) to receive, review, and approve or disapprove applications for Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits, and the plans, specifications and construction documents submitted with such applications;

(2) upon approval of such applications, to issue Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits, and to include in Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy//certificates of Compliance, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits such terms and conditions as the Code Enforcement Officer may determine to be appropriate;

(3) to conduct construction inspections, inspections to be made prior to the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance, Temporary Certificates and Operating Permits, fire safety and property maintenance inspections, inspections incidental to the investigation of complaints, and all their inspections required or permitted under any provision of this local law.

(4) to issue Stop Work Orders;

(5) to review and investigate complaints;

(6) to issue orders pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 16 (Violations) of this local law;

(7) to maintain records;

(8) to collect fees as set by the Town Board of this Town;

(9) to pursue administrative enforcement actions and proceedings

(10) in consultation with this Town’s attorney, to pursue such legal actions and proceedings as may be necessary to enforce the Uniform Code, the Energy Code and this local law, or to abate or correct conditions not in compliance with the Uniform Code, the Energy code or this local law; and

(11) to exercise all other powers and fulfill all other duties conferred upon the Code Enforcement Officer by this local law.

(b) The Code Enforcement Officer shall be appointed by the Town Board. The Code Enforcement Officer shall possess background experience related to building construction or fire prevention and shall, within the time prescribed by law, obtain such basic training, in-service training, advanced in-service training and other training as the State of New York shall require for code enforcement personnel, and the Code Enforcement Officer shall obtain certification from the State Fire Administrator pursuant to the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) In the event that the Code Enforcement Officer is unable to serve as such for any reason, an individual shall be appointed by Town Board to serve as Acting Code Enforcement Officer. The Acting Code Enforcement Officer shall, during the term of his or her appointment, exercise all powers and fulfill all duties conferred upon the Code Enforcement Officer by this local law.

(d) One or more Inspectors may be appointed by the Town Board to act under the supervision and direction of the Code Enforcement Officer and to assist the Code Enforcement Officer in the exercise of powers and fulfillment of the duties conferred upon the Code Enforcement Officer by this local law. Each Inspector shall, within the time prescribed by law, obtain such basic training, in-service training, advanced in-service training and other training as the State of New York shall require for code enforcement personnel, and each Inspector shall obtain certification from the State Fire Administrator pursuant to the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(e) The compensation for the Code Enforcement Officer and Inspectors shall be fixed from time to time by the Town Board of this Town.

SECTION 5. BUILDING PERMITS

(a) Building Permits Required. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this section, a Building Permit shall be required for any work which must conform to the Uniform Code and/or the Energy Code, including, but not limited to, the construction, enlargement, alteration, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition of any building or structure or any portion thereof, and the installation of a solid fuel burning heating appliance, chimney or flue in any dwelling unit. No Person shall commence any work for which a Building Permit is required without first having obtained a Building Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

(b) Exemptions. No Building Permit shall be required for work in any of the following categories:

(1) installation of swings and other playground equipment associated with a one-or-two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses);

(2) installation of swimming pools associated with a one-or-two family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) where such pools are designed for a water dept of less than 24 inches and are installed entirely above ground;

(3) construction of retaining walls unless such walls support a surcharge or impound Class I, II or IIIA liquids;

(4) construction of temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery;

(5) installation of window awnings supported by an exterior wall of a one-or-two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses);

(6) installation of partitions or movable cases less than 5'-9" in height;

(7) painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, or other similar finish work;

(8) installation of listed portable electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation or cooling equipment or appliances;

(9) replacement of any equipment provided the replacement does not alter the equipment's listing or render it inconsistent with the equipment's original specifications;
or

(10) repairs, provided that such repairs do not involve (i) the removal or cutting away of a loadbearing wall, partition, or portion thereof, or of any structural beam or load bearing component; (ii) the removal or change of any required means of egress, or the rearrangement of parts of a structure in a manner which affects egress; (iii) the enlargement, alteration, replacement or relocation of any building system; or (iv) the removal from service of all or part of a fire protection system for any period of time

(c) Exemption not deemed authorization to perform non-compliant work. The exemption from the requirement to obtain a building permit for work in any category set forth in subdivision (b) of this Section shall not be deemed an authorization for work to be performed in violation of the Uniform Code or the Energy Code.

(d) Applications for Building Permits. Applications for a Building Permit shall be made in writing on a form provided by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer. The application shall be signed by the owner of the property where the work is to be performed or an authorized agent of the owner. The application shall include such information as the Code Enforcement Officer deems sufficient to permit a determination by the Code Enforcement Officer that the intended work complies with all applicable requirements of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code. The application shall include or be accompanied by the following information and documentation.

(1) a description of the proposed work;

(2) the tax map number and the street address of the premises where the work is to be performed

(3) the occupancy classification of any affected building or structure;

(4) where applicable, a statement of special inspections prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Code; and

(5) at least 2 sets of construction documents (drawings and/or specifications) which (i) define the scope of the proposed work; (ii) are prepared by a New York State registered architect or licensed professional engineer where so required by the Education Law; (iii) indicate with sufficient clarity and detail the nature and extent of the work proposed (iv) substantiate that the proposed work will comply with the Uniform Code and the Energy Code; and (v) where applicable, include a site plan that shows any existing and proposed buildings and structures on the site, the location of any existing or proposed well or septic system, the location of the intended work, and the distances between the buildings and structures and the lot lines.

(e) Construction documents. Construction documents will not be accepted as part of any application for a Building Permit unless they satisfy the requirements set forth in paragraph (5) of subdivision (d) of this section. Construction documents which are accepted as part of the application for a Building Permit shall be marked as accepted by the Code Enforcement Officer in writing or by stamp. One set of the accepted construction documents shall be retained by the Code Enforcement Officer, and one set of the accepted construction documents shall be returned to the applicant to be kept at the work site so as to be available for use by the Code Enforcement Personnel. However, the return of a set of accepted construction documents to be applicant, shall not be construed as authorization to commence work, nor as an indication that a Building Permit will be issued. Work shall not be commenced until and unless a Building Permit is issued.

(f) Issuance of Building Permits. An application for a Building Permit shall be examined to ascertain whether the proposed work is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Uniform Code and Energy Code. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Building Permit if the proposed work is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Uniform Code and Energy Code.

(g) Building Permits to be displayed Building permits shall be visibly displayed at the work site and shall remain visible until the authorized work has been completed.

(h) Work to be in accordance with construction documents. All work shall be performed in accordance with the construction documents which were submitted with and accepted as part of the application for the Building Permit. The Building Permit shall contain such a directive. The Permit Holder shall immediately notify the Code Enforcement Officer of any change occurring during the course of the work. The Building Permit shall contain such a directive. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that such change warrants a new or amended Building Permit, such change shall not be made until and unless a new or amended Building Permit reflecting such change is issued.

(i) Time limits. Building Permits shall become invalid unless the authorized work is commenced within six (6) months following the date of issuance. Building Permits shall expire twelve (12) months after the date of issuance. A Building Permit which has become invalid or which has expired pursuant to this subdivision may be renewed upon application by the Permit Holder, payment of the applicable fee, and approval of the application by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(j) Revocation or suspension of Building Permits. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a Building Permit was issued in error because of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or that the work for which a Building Permit was issued violates the Uniform Code or the Energy Code, the Code Enforcement Officer shall revoke the Building Permit or suspend the Building Permit until such time as the Permit holder demonstrates that (1) all work then completed is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code and (2) all work then proposed to be performed shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code.

(k) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid at the time of submission of an application for a Building Permit, for an amended Building Permit, or for renewal of a Building Permit.

SECTION 6.

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

(a) Work to remain accessible and exposed. Work shall remain accessible and exposed until inspected and accepted by the Code Enforcement Officer or by an Inspector authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Permit Holder shall notify the Code Enforcement Officer when any element of work described in subdivision (b) of this section is ready for inspection.

(b) Elements of work to be inspected. The following elements of the construction process shall be inspected made, where applicable

(1) work site prior to the issuance of a Building Permit

(2) footing and foundation

(3) preparation for concrete slab

(4) framing

- (5) building systems, including underground and rough-in
- (6) fire resistant construction
- (7) fire resistant penetrations
- (8) solid fuel burning heating appliances, chimneys, flues or gas vents
- (9) Energy Code compliance; and
- (10) a final inspection after all work authorized by the Building Permit has been completed.

(c) Inspection results. After inspection, the work or a portion thereof shall be noted a satisfactory as completed, or the Permit Holder shall be notified as to where the work fails to comply with the Uniform Code or Energy Code. Work not in compliance with any applicable provision of the Uniform Code or Energy Code shall remain exposed until such work shall have been brought into compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the/energy Code, reinspected, and found satisfactory as completed.

(d) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid prior to or at the time of each inspection performed pursuant to this Section

SECTION 7. STOP WORK ORDERS

(a) Authority to issue. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to issue Stop Work Orders pursuant to this section. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Stop Work order to halt:

(1) any work that is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer to be contrary to the applicable provision of the Uniform Code or Energy Code, without regard to whether such work is or is not work for which a Building Permit is required, and without regard to whether a Building Permit has or has not been issued for such work, or

(2) any work that is being conducted in a dangerous or unsafe manner in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Officer, without regard to whether such work is or not work for which a Building Permit is required, and without regard to whether a Building Permit has or has not been issued for such work, or

(3) any work for which a Building Permit is required which is being performed without the required Building Permit, or under a Building Permit that has become invalid, has expired, or has been suspended or revoked.

(b) Content of Stop Work Orders. Stop Work Orders shall (1) be in writing. (2) be dated and signed by the Code Enforcement Officer, (3) state the reason or reasons for issuance, and (4) if applicable, state the conditions which must be satisfied before work will be permitted to resume.

(c) Service of Stop Work Orders. The Code Enforcement Office shall cause the Stop Work Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on the owner of the affected property (can, if the owner is not the Permit Holder, on the Permit Holder) personally or by certified mail. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be permitted, but not required, to cause the Stop Work Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on any builder, architect, tenant, contractor, subcontractor, construction superintendent, or their agents, or any other Person taking part or assisting in work affected by the Stop Work Order, personally or by certified mail; provided, however, that failure to serve any Person mentioned in this sentence shall not affect the efficacy of the Stop Work Order.

(d) Effect of Stop Work Order. Upon the issuance of a Stop Work Order, the owner of the affected property, the Permit Holder and any other Person performing, taking part in

or assisting in the work shall immediately cease all work which is the subject of the Stop Work Order.

(e) Remedy not exclusive. The issuance of a Stop Work Order shall not be the exclusive remedy available to address any event described in subdivision (a) of this section, and the authority to issue a Stop Work Order shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the right and authority to pursue any other remedy or impose any other penalty under Section 16 (Violations) of this local law or under any other applicable local law or State law. Any such other remedy or penalty may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, at the time of, or after the issuance of a Stop Work Order.

SECTION 8. CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY/CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

(A) Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance required. A Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance shall be required for any work which is the subject of a Building Permit and for all structures, buildings, or portions thereof, which are converted from one use or occupancy classification or subclassification to another. Permission to use or occupy a building or structure, or portion thereof, for which a Building Permit was previously issued shall be granted only by issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance.

(b) Issuance of Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance if the work which was the subject of the Building Permit was completed in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and Energy Code and, if applicable, that the structure, building or portion thereof that was converted from one use or occupancy classification or subclassification to another complies with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and Energy Code. The Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the building, structure or work prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance. In addition, where applicable, the following documents, prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Code by such person or persons as may be designated by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer, at the expense of the applicant for the Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance, shall be provided to the Code Enforcement Officer prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance.

(1) a written statement of structural observations and/or a final report of special inspections, and

(2) flood hazard certifications

(c) Contents of Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance. A Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance shall contain the following information

(1) the Building Permit number, if any;

(2) Contents of Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance. J A Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance shall contain the following information

(1) the Building Permit number, if any

(2) the date of issuance of the Building Permit, if any

(3) the name, address and tax map number of the property

(4) if the Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance is not applicable to an entire structure, a description of that portion of the structure for which the Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance is issued;

(5) the use and occupancy classification of the structure

(6) the type of construction of the structure

(7) the assembly occupant load of the structure, if any

(8) if an automatic sprinkler system is provided, a notation as to whether the sprinkler system is required

(9) any special conditions imposed in connection with the issuance of the Building Permit; and

(10) the signature of the Code Enforcement Officer issuing the Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance and the date of issuance.

(d) Temporary Certificate. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be permitted to issue a Temporary Certificate allowing the temporary occupancy of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, prior to completion of the work which is the subject of a Building Permit. However, in no event shall the Code Enforcement Officer issue a Temporary Certificate unless the Code Enforcement Officer determines (1) that the building or structure, or the portion thereof covered by the Temporary Certificate, may be occupied safely, (2) that any fire-and smoke-detecting or fire protection equipment which has been installed is operational, and (3) that all required means of egress from the building or structure have been provided. The Code Enforcement Officer may include in a Temporary Certificate such terms and conditions as he or she deems necessary or appropriate to ensure safety or to further the purposes and intent of the Uniform Code. A Temporary Certificate shall be effective for a period of time. Not to exceed six (6) months, which shall be determined by the Code Enforcement Officer and specified in the Temporary Certificate. During the specified period of effectiveness of the Temporary Certificates, the Permit Holder shall undertake to bring the building or structure into full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code.

(e) Revocation or suspension of certificates. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that a Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance or a Temporary Certificate was issued in error because of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, and if the relevant deficiencies are not corrected to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer within such period of time as shall be specified by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Code Enforcement Officer shall revoke or suspend such certificate.

(f) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid at the time of submission of an application for a Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance or for Temporary Certificate.

SECTION 9. NOTIFICATION REGARDING FIRE OR EXPLOSION

The chief of any fire department providing fire fighting services for a property within this Town shall promptly notify the Code Enforcement Officer of any fire or explosion involving any structural damage, fuel burning appliance, chimney or gas vent

SECTION 10. UNSAFE BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Unsafe structures and equipment in this Town shall be identified and addressed in accordance with the procedures established by Chapter 7A Buildings, Unsafe of the Alden Town Code, as now in effect or as hereafter amended from time to time.

SECTION 11. OPERATING PERMITS

(a) Operation Permits required. Operating Permits shall be required for conducting the activities or using the categories of buildings listed below;

(1) manufacturing, storing or handling hazardous materials in quantities exceeding those listed in Tables 2703.1.1(1), 2703.1.1(2), 2703.1.1(3) or 2703.1.1(4) in the publication

entitled "Fire Code of New York State" and incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR section 1225.1;

(2) hazardous processes and activities, including but not limited to, commercial and industrial operations which produce combustible dust as a byproduct, fruit and crop ripening, and waste handling;

(3) use of pyrotechnic devices in assembly occupancies;

(4) buildings containing one or more areas of public assembly with an occupant load of 100 persons or more; and

(5) buildings whose use or occupancy classification may pose a substantial potential hazard to public safety, as determined by resolution adopted by the Town Board of this Town.

Any person who proposes to undertake any activity or to operate any type of building listed in this subdivision(a) shall be required to obtain an Operating permit prior to commencing such activity or operation.

(b) Applications for Operating Permits. An application for an Operating Permit shall be in writing on a form provided by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer. Such application shall include such information as a Code Enforcement Officer deems sufficient to permit a determination by the Code Enforcement Officer that quantities, materials, and activities conform to the requirement of the Uniform Code. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that tests or reports are necessary to verify conformance, such tests or reports shall be performed or provided by such person or persons as may be designated by or otherwise acceptable to the Code Enforcement Officer, at the expense of the applicant.

(c) Inspections. The Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector authorized by the Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the subject premises prior to the issuance of an Operating Permit.

(d) Multiple Activities. In any circumstance in which more than one activity listed in subdivision (a) of this section is to be conducted at a location, the Code Enforcement Officer may require a separate Operating Permit for each such activity, or the Code Enforcement Officer may, in his or discretion, issue a single Operating Permit to apply to all such activities.

(e) Duration of Operating Permits. Operating permits shall be issued for such period of time, not to exceed one (1) year in case of any operating Permit issued for an area of public assembly and not to exceed three (3) years in any other case, as shall be determined by the Code Enforcement Officer to be consistent with local conditions. The effective period of each Operating Permit shall be specified in the Operating Permit. An Operating Permit may be reissued or renewed upon application to the Code Enforcement Office, payment of the applicable fee, and approval of such application by the Code Enforcement Officer.

(f) Revocation or suspension of Operating Permits. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines that any activity or building for which an Operating Permit was issued does not comply with any applicable provision of the Uniform Code, such Operating Permit shall be revoked or suspended.

(g) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid at the time submission of an application for an Operating Permit, for an amended Operating Permit, or for reissue or renewal of an Operating Permit.

SECTION 12. FIRE SAFETY AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

(a) Inspections required. Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of buildings and structures shall be performed by the Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector designated by the Code Enforcement Officer at the following intervals;

(1) Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of buildings or structures which contain an area of public assembly shall be performed at least once every twelve (12) months.

(2) Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of buildings or structures being occupied as dormitories shall be performed at least once every twelve(12) months.

(3) Fire safety and property maintenance inspections of all multiple dwellings not included in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subdivision, and all non-residential building, structures, uses and occupancies not included in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subdivision, shall be performed at least once every twenty-four (24) months.

(b) Inspections permitted. In addition to the inspections required by subdivision (a) of this section, a fire safety and property maintenance inspection of any building, structure, use, or occupancy, or of any dwelling unit, may also be performed by the Code Enforcement Officer or an Inspector designated by the Code Enforcement Officer at any time upon:

(1) the request of the owner of the property to be inspected or an authorized agent of such owner;

(2) receipt by the Code Enforcement Officer of a written statement alleging that conditions or activities failing to comply with the Uniform Code or Energy Code exist; or

(3) receipt by the Code Enforcement Office of any other information, reasonably believed by the Code Enforcement Officer to be reliable, giving rise to reasonable cause to believe that conditions or activities failing to comply with the Uniform code or Energy Code exist;

provided, however, that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as permitting an inspection under any circumstances under which a court order or warrant permitting such inspection is required, unless such court order or warrant shall have been obtained.

(c) OFPC Inspections. Nothing in this section or in any other provision of this local law shall supersede, limit or impair the powers, duties and responsibilities of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (“OFPC”) and the New York State Fire Administrator under Executive Law Section 156-e and Education Law section 807-b.

(d) Fee. The fee specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 17 (Fees) of this local law must be paid prior to or at the time each inspection performed pursuant to this section. This subdivision shall not apply to inspections performed by OFPC.

SECTION 13. COMPLAINTS

The Code Enforcement Officer shall review and investigate complaints which allege or assert the existence of conditions or activities that fail to comply with the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, this local law, or any other local law, ordinance or regulation adopted for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code or the Energy Code. The process of responding to a complaint shall include such of the following steps as the Code Enforcement Officer may deem to be appropriate;

(a) performing an inspection of the conditions and/or activities alleged to be in violation, and documenting the results of such inspection

(b) if a violation is found to exist, providing the owner of the affected property and any other Person who may be responsible for the violation with notice of the violation and opportunity to abate, correct or cure the violation, or otherwise proceeding in the manner described in Section 16 (Violations) of this local law;

(c) if appropriate, issuing a Stop /work Order;

(d) if a violation which was found to exist is abated or corrected, performing an inspection to ensure that the violation has been abated or corrected, preparing a final written report reflecting such abatement or correction, and filing such report with the complaint.

SECTION 14. RECORD KEEPING

(a) The Code Enforcement Officer shall keep permanent official records of all transaction and activities conducted by all Code Enforcement Personnel, including records of

(1) all applications received, reviewed and approved or denied;

(2) all plans, specifications and construction documents approved;

(3) all Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of Compliance, Temporary Certificates, Stop Work Orders and Operating Permits issued;

(4) all inspections and tests performed;

(5) all statements and reports issued;

(6) all complaints received;

(7) all investigations conducted;

(8) all other features and activities specified in or contemplated by sections 4 through 12, inclusive, of this local law, including; and

(9) all fees charged and collected;

(b) All such records shall be public records open for public inspection during normal business hours. All plans and records pertaining to buildings or structures, or appurtenances thereto shall be retained for at least the minimum time period so required by State law and regulations.

SECTION 15. PROGRAM REVIEW AND REPORTING

(A) The Code Enforcement Officer shall annually submit to the Town Board of this Town a written report and summary of all business conducted by the Code Enforcement Officer and the Inspectors, including a report and summary of all transactions and activities described in Section 14(Record Keeping) of this local law and a report and summary of all appeals or litigation pending or concluded.

(b) The Code Enforcement Officer shall annually submit to the Secretary of State, on behalf of this Town, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, a report of the activities of this Town relative to administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code.

(c) The Code Enforcement Officer shall, upon request of the New York State Department of State, provide to the New York State Department of State, from the records and related materials this Town is required to maintain, excerpts, summaries, tabulations, statistics and other information and accounts of the activities of this Town in connection with administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code.

SECTION 16. VIOLATIONS

(A) Compliance Orders. The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to order in writing the remedying of any condition or activity found to exist in, on or about any building, structure, or premises in violation of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, or this local law. Upon finding that any such condition or activity exists, the Code Enforcement

Officer shall issue a Compliance Order. The Compliance Order shall (1) be in writing; (2) be dated and signed by the Code Enforcement Officer; (3) specify the condition or activity that violates the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, or this local law; (4) specify the provision or provisions of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, or this local law which is/are violated by the specified condition or activity; (5) specify the period of time which the Code Enforcement Officer deems to be reasonably necessary for achieving compliance; (6) direct that compliance be achieved within the specified period of time; and (7) state that an action or proceeding to compel compliance may be instituted if compliance is not achieved within the specified period of time. The Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the Compliance Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on the owner of the affected property personally or by certified mail. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be permitted, but not required, to cause the Compliance Order, or a copy thereof, to be served on any builder, architect, tenant, contractor, subcontractor, construction superintendent, or their agents, or any other Person taking part of assisting in work being performed at the affected property personally or by certified mail; provided, however, that failure to serve any Person mentioned in this sentence shall not affect the efficacy of the Compliance Order.

(b) Appearance Tickets. The Code Enforcement Officer and each Inspector are authorized to issue appearance tickets for any violation of the Uniform Code.

(c) Civil Penalties. In addition to those penalties proscribed by State law, any Person who violates any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code or this local law, or any term or condition of any Building Permit, Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance, Temporary Certificate, Stop /Work Order, Operating Permit or other notice or order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to any provision of this local law, shall be liable to a civil penalty or not more than \$200 for each day or part thereof during which such violation continues. The civil penalties provided by this subdivision shall be recoverable in an action instituted in the name of this Town.

(d) Injunctive Relief. An action or proceeding may be instituted in the name of this Town, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to prevent, restrain, enjoin, correct, or abate any violation of, or to enforce, any provision of the Uniform Code, the energy Code, this local law, or any term or condition of an Building Permit, Certificate of Occupancy/Certificate of Compliance. Temporary Certificate, Stop Work Order, Operating Permit, Compliance Order, or other notice or order issued by the Code Enforcement Officer pursuant to any provision of this local law. In particular, but not by way of limitation, where the construction or use of a building or structure is in violation of any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, this local law, or any Stop Work Order Compliance Order or other order obtained under the Uniform Code, the energy Code or this local law, an action or proceeding may be commenced in the name of this Town, in the Supreme Court or in any other court having the requisite jurisdiction, to obtain an order directing the removal of the building or structure or an abatement of the condition in violation of such provisions. No action or proceeding described in this subdivision shall be commenced without the appropriate authorization from the Town Board of this Town.

(e) Remedies Not Exclusive. No remedy or penalty specified in this section shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to address any violation described in this section, and each remedy or penalty specified in the section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the other remedies or penalties specified in this section, in Section 7 (Stop Work Orders) of this local law, in any other Section of this local law, or in any other applicable law. Any remedy or penalty specified in this Section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in this section, in Section & (Stop Work Orders) of this local law, in any other section of this local law, or in any other applicable law. In particular, but no by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in subdivision (2) of section 381 of the Executive Law, and any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in subdivision (2) of section 381 of the Executive Law.

SECTION 17 FEES

A fee schedule shall be established by resolution of the Town Board of this Town. Such fee schedule may thereafter be amended from time to time by like resolution. The fees set forth in, or determined in accordance with, such fee schedule or amended fee schedule shall be charged and collected for the submission of applications, the issuance of Building Permits, amended Building Permits, renewed Building Permits, Certificates of Occupancy/Certificates of compliance, Temporary Certificates, Operating Permits, fire safety and property maintenance inspections, and other actions of the Code Enforcement Officer described in or contemplated by this local law.

SECTION 18 INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS

The Town Board of this Town may, by resolution, authorize the Town Supervisor of this Town to enter into an agreement, in the name of this Town, with other governments to carry out the terms of this local law, provided that such agreement does not violate any provision of the Uniform Code, the Energy Code, Part 1203 of Title 19 of the NYCRR, or any other applicable law.

SECTION 19 PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any section of this local law shall be held unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective, in whole or in part, such determination shall not be deemed to affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law.

SECTION 20 EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Cooke seconded the Motion to approve the Monthly Budget Transfers. Unanimously carried.

Supervisor Smith polled the Board and with no objection the following was added to the Agenda.

Supervisor Smith moved and Councilman Weber seconded the Motion to approve Alden Hook & Ladder Fire Co permission to use the Town Park on June 28th, June 29th and June 30th for their Annual Summer Carnival. Unanimously carried.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED & TABLED BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Riddoch requested that Independent Health be placed on the Work Session; she received a list of Street Lights that are out – she will call Jim Latello in the morning.

Councilman Weber received a call from Ms. Schumacher/Wende correction re a problem with a Wende Road resident.

Councilman Snyder reported he met with DEC re NEST – will be setting up a Meeting with them and the Environmental Committee. He will also call to get a price on a Motion Detector for the Historical Society.

Councilwoman Cooke requested the Personnel Policy to be placed on the Work Session; she will also contact the State and County Facilities about a monetary contribution re the Code Red.

Planning Board Chairman advised he has two (2) HOP'S to be placed on the Work Session.

Supervisor Smith “Thanked” the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for planning the Town Christmas Party; a Joint Meeting between the Village and Town will be held in the Town Hall on February 20th at 6:30 PM. He also “Thanked” everyone for their help and support he received during the year.

Supervisor Smith adjourned the Meeting at 8:20 PM with a Minute’s silence in Memory of John Ward, Judith Beale and Ruth Cosgrove.

DOROTHY L. BYCINA
TOWN CLERK