

LEGAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
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Legal Committee Members in Attendance:

Claudia DeStefano (Acting Chair), Tiffany Garriga, Priscilla Moore

Ken Dow (Legal Counsel)

Michael O'Hara (Chair) Excused

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:15PM.

The first order of business was the development and agreement on a plan to review the documents associated with the proposed procedures for the City's fund balance and reserves. Ken Dow agreed to speak with Heather Campbell (Treasurer) and report back to the Legal Committee. Treasurer Campbell has reported in previous meetings the problems caused by a lack of a written document describing what the Treasure's actions should be when confronted with an unexpected change in the status of these funds. No written document has been produced to the committee.

The second order of business was a question remaining from the previous meeting on how to convey the finished local law regarding the "Lodging Tax" to our NY Assembly and Senate representatives for introduction in Albany. Ken Dow agreed to do other city reviews on how they handle Lodging Tax issues. Claudia DeStefano reported that she had spoken to Senator Marchione giving her a heads-up that Hudson would be sending this to her office ASAP.

The third order of business was regarding "Vacancy Tax". Ken Dow has agreed to review other New York cities (ie. Syracuse and Rochester) and also to review local and state tax issues.

The fourth order of business was the zoning code change to allow "hotels" in the RSC zone. Columbia County will have (30) days to review. Hudson Zoning Board has granted a use variance.

There being no other business before the Committee, on a motion by Tiffany Garriga and second by Priscilla Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. DeStefano (Acting Chair)