

PUBLIC HEARING DRAFT
Proposed “Town of Meredith Fee Reimbursement Law”

March 11, 2008

The public hearing for the Town of Meredith proposed “Town of Meredith Fee Reimbursement Law” was held on Thursday November 8, 2007 at the Meredith Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. The following were in attendance:

Supervisor: Keitha Capouya

Council Members: Ronald Bailey
Daniel Birnbaum
Roger Hamilton
Paul Menke

Town Clerk: Betsy Clark

Towns People: 6

The supervisor called the public hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

The clerk read the notice of Public Hearing which was published in the Delaware County Times on Friday February 29, 2008 and Friday March 7, 2008 and also in the Walton reporter on Wednesday February 27, 2008 and Wednesday March 5, 2008.

TOWN OF MEREDITH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Meredith on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Meredith Town Hall Meredith, NY, regarding the adoption of proposed Local Law titled, “Town of Meredith Fee Reimbursement Law of 2008” of the Town of Meredith.

Copies of the proposed local law are available for review in the Town Clerk’s office at 4247 Turnpike Road, Meredith, NY 13806 or online by email: tomclerk@delhi.net.

For questions call the Town Clerk’s office at (607) 756 – 2431.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Meredith, February 12, 2008.

The Supervisor explained that this law is proposed to cover projects that come to the Town that do not fall under SEQRA but still may need a professional consultant. This will allow the Planning Board to have the fees if a technical consultant is needed. The need for this has been identified because of a cell tower project that may have needed a consultant and the Planning Board members are not engineers. The unused portion of the

fee or the full amount if not needed is fully reimbursed to the company. The Town does not have the money to hire consultants so this law will cover these costs so they do not come out of the taxpayer's pocket. Keitha said this law will cover any project that comes along, because we don't know what may come in the future, nobody ever thought of cell towers years ago. Keitha then asked if there were any questions or comments.

Krystine Hadley: Stated that she thinks this is a great idea. The burden is being put on small towns to protect themselves, so she thinks this is great to start earlier rather than later with a law like this. She thanked the Town Board.

There were no further comments so a motion was made by Daniel Birnbaum to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Paul Menke and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m.