

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
1992 HARWOOD DRIVE, PO BOX 52
SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK 13145-0052

Date: August 31, 2016

Kind of Meeting: Special Meeting

Place: Sandy Creek Town Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Ridgeway
Nola J. Gove
John Wood Jr.
Dave Warner
Ruth E. Scheppard

Others Present:
Allison J. Nelson, Esq.
Tammy L. Miller
Brittany M. Washburn
Margaret Kastler
Shirley Rice
Patricia McDougal
Peggy Rice
Renee Alford
Timothy C. Alford
Kristy Nevills
Catherine A. Ellis
Shiree R. Goins
Erwin J. Wood
Frank Dixon
Bill Eastman
Brian Muto
Jim Tighe
Carl Falk
Debbie Ward

CALL TO ORDER:

Town Supervisor Nancy Ridgeway called this special meeting to order at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated that this special meeting was held because there is no time at regular town meetings. The town board will be discussing a local law regulating manure storage facilities and nutrient management for the Town of Sandy Creek. This is not about closing or shutting any farm down and she asked those that came to argue to please leave.

Attorney-for-the-Town Allison J. Nelson explained the draft local law. She has researched NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets guidelines and has spoken to one of their representatives. Ag & Markets must approve the wording of this law before it can be adopted. This law would provide a fast site plan review process with no public hearing required. In fact, Ag & Markets will not allow the town to require a public hearing. The Sandy Creek Regional Planning Board would review the same information submitted to NYS for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) plans. The town would obtain these plans and have some regulation ability. Town Board members received the draft of this law in June 2016. Councilmen Scheppard and Wood had some objections to wording in the draft.

