

# MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing

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April 28, 2014

**Present:** Mayor Grigg; Trustees Bowden, Prophet, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; and 21 members of the public

1. **Hearing Opening** –Mayor Grigg opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.
2. Local Law #2014-4: Overlay Zone – Mayor Grigg opened the floor for questions.
  - a. C. Clarification that the zone includes “up to” 7 residents, not “only” 7.
  - b. C. Minor change in text to remove “and R-3”
  - c. C. Bad law and discriminatory, arbitrary with regard to parking.
  - d. C. Map didn’t change with addition of language pertaining to proximity to Alfred University as well as Alfred State college campus.
    - i. A. It wasn’t the board’s intention to change the map, as the zone is considered to be close to both campuses.
  - e. C. Concern over lack of enforcement regarding noise complaints on Reynolds St.
    - i. A. There are a maximum number of officers at any given time, and often noise complaints occur during times when the department is occupied with other simultaneous calls for service.
  - f. C. Concern over concentration of zones instead of spreading them out.
    - i. A. The board has discussed larger zones, and many residents don’t like the idea. If this works well, there may be consideration of spreading them out.
    - ii. A. This zone is an intensive use area; sprinkling these houses throughout would not be good zoning, as there would be incompatible uses next to each other.
      1. C. Most students are responsible and the village needs to give them a chance to live in the village as community members. They are next door to families now, why just in this zone?
  - g. C. Unorganized houses outside of overlay zone may be harder to manage.
  - h. C. Landlords and students need to understand their responsibilities.
  - i. C. The village should have laws that would let them shut certain houses with bad behavior down.
    - i. A. The board looked into nuisance laws and got push back; easier said than done but can keep looking into the topic.
3. **Adjournment** – The hearing was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer