

- 2) Action item: Have the Town Board approve the wording for the selection of alternates to the Conservation Board as follows and appoint two alternates to the Conservation Board as we are without an official alternate at this present time due to the lack of action by the Town Board.: **Proposed Amendment to Section 3 of Local Law No. 4 of the year 2000, as amended by Local Law 1 of the year 2004.** This has been hanging for over six months and needs to be settled.

The relevant desired wording, as approved by the Conservation Board on March 28th 2017 and previously transmitted to the Town Board on April 11th 2017 is:

“Section 3. MEMBERSHIP: The CAC shall consist of nine (9) full members, appointed by the Town Board, who shall serve for terms of three (3) years (four of the initial members shall be appointed for two years and five of the initial members shall be appointed for three years). The Board may appoint two alternate members (designated first and second alternate in order of priority) to serve for terms of one year or part thereof ending on December 31st of the year of appointment. One full member shall be the Town representative to the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council. Any person residing within the Town of Dryden who is interested in the improvement and preservation of environmental quality shall be eligible for appointment. Each full member shall be entitled to one vote. The Chairperson shall designate an alternate member to substitute for a full member and vote in the event that a full member is unable to vote due to the full member’s absence, or recusal due to a conflict of interest.”

The original wording is from the Town Board document 3/17/2017 [LL# 2017 – Conservation Board Alternates - Town of Dryden](#) dryden.ny.us/wp-content/uploads/.../LL-2017-Conservation-Board-Alternates.docx (Local-Law-Conservation-Board-Alternates-SHB-rl-03-17-17.pdf: see attached) is:

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The reasoning for the changes was previously transmitted to the Town Board on 4/11/2017 Per a resolution of the Conservation Board on March 28th 2017 the Conservation Board strongly objects to the words “**unwilling**” and “**abstention or any other reason.**” in the original wording and requests that they be deleted from the proposed Amendment to Section 3 of Local Law No. 4 of the year 2000, as amended by Local Law 1 of the year 2004 for the reasons following:

- 1) Abstention is a vote of choice and not the absence of a member.
- 2) “Any other reason” leaves too much random discretion to the Chair.

>>>In addition the alternate members shall be designated by the Town Board as First Alternate and Second Alternate in order of voting preference so that if both alternates be present it be clear who is to vote should only one alternate vote be needed.

Thank you.
Peter Davies
Chair, Conservation Board