

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6:00 PM October 19, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. Presentation by Barton and Loguidice, Engineers, on the Potassium Ferrate Pilot Test at the Brandle Road well.
2. Consider authorizing Mayor Dineen to sign Proposal for Professional Services, not to exceed \$20,000, with Barton and Loguidice Engineering, for Potassium Ferrate Pilot Test at Brandle Road well.
3. Continue Public Hearing on October 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 to Permit the Keeping of Chickens in the Village of Altamont.
4. Review SEQRA for proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023.
5. Consider approving Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration and Enacting Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 to Permit the Keeping of Chickens in the Village of Altamont.
6. Consider bid submitted by the Town of Lenox, in the amount of \$90,000, for purchase of E17 2001 Pierce Contender Engine Fire Truck "AS IS", per recommendation of Paul Miller, Fire Chief.
7. Consider motion to adjourn.

Next scheduled meeting: November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The Keeping of Chickens

Local Law No. 1 of 2023 for The Village of Altamont

Keeping of Chickens and Regulation & Responsibilities of Homeowners

BE IT ENACTED by The Village Board of the Village of Altamont as follows:

1. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

2. Purpose

This local law is intended to permit the raising of chickens within the Village of Altamont under specific conditions. Chicken hens shall be kept for personal, noncommercial use only. Breeding of chickens, and the sale other chicken products, and the production of fertilizer are prohibited.

3. Requirements Applicable to the Keeping and Raising of Chickens

3.1 Permit required; fee.

The keeping and raising of chickens within the Village shall be authorized only upon obtaining a permit from the Village Building Department. Said permit shall be made upon an application form authorized by the Village Board of Trustees; and upon satisfactory inspection(s) by the Village Code Enforcement Officer to verify compliance with the requirements of this local law. The permit shall be valid for one year only, and an annual permit fee, to be set by the Village Board of Trustees, shall be assessed and paid by each successful applicant. Renewal permit fees should be paid by the last day of the month in October each year. No chickens shall be kept, and no yard or pen for the keeping of chickens shall be constructed or maintained, without such a permit.

3.2 Zoning Exclusion

- (a) The minimum lot size for the raising of chickens is 10,000 sq ft.
- (b) Only applicants residing in a **single family, owner occupied dwelling** within the Village shall be authorized to apply for a permit to keep and raise chickens. The keeping and raising of chickens in a multifamily apartment setting shall be expressly prohibited.

3.3 Structure Design & Area Requirements.

- (a) A henhouse and chicken run shall be required for the housing of chickens. Only one henhouse and enclosure shall be permitted on any property. The henhouse or enclosure must be located at least **ten (10)** feet from the side and rear property lines of a property and at least **fifty (50)** feet from any neighboring residence. No pen or enclosure shall be permitted in any front or side yard. On a corner lot, the applicant must locate the pen to the rear of the rear wall of the applicant's home.
- (b) The location and design of the henhouse and enclosure must be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer before the applicant shall be permitted to keep chickens on the premises. If the applicant's lot is insufficient in area or layout to meet the setback requirements of this local law, the applicant shall not be entitled to keep chickens on the premises.

3.4 Minimum Standards; Condition of Henhouse and Enclosure (Run)

- (a) It shall be unlawful to cause, permit or allow chickens to be kept in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance or to create a hazard to public health; or in any manner which disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of the public. A chicken henhouse and enclosure/run shall be provided and adequately screened from view from neighboring properties.
- (b) No more than six (6) chickens may be housed or kept on any property at any time. **No roosters shall be permitted.** The henhouse and pen/enclosure must be regularly cleaned and serviced so as to keep it sanitary, clean, dry and odor free at all times. Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. All feed of chickens must be kept within a secure, metal, rodent-proof container, and may not be stored outside. Hens shall be fed from a trough or container.

(c) The Henhouse shall:

1. Provide a minimum of **four (4) square feet** per chicken hen.
2. Not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
3. Be enclosed on all sides and have a roof and doors.
4. Provide sun, shade, ventilation, and be weatherized for colder temperatures.
5. Be impermeable to rodents and predators.
6. Provide one nesting box for every four (4) birds
7. Provide 8-10 inches of roosting space per chicken.
8. Have access doors that will be shut and secured at night. Windows and vents shall be covered with predator and bird proof wire of less than 1 inch openings.
9. Be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent odors and attraction of rodents and pests.

(d) The Chicken Enclosure /Run shall:

1. Provide a minimum area of **10 square feet** per chicken hen. Height of structure may not exceed seven (7) feet.
2. Consist of wire fencing and shall be covered with wire fencing or solid predator proof roofing.
3. Cleaning of enclosure/run must be done on a regular basis to prevent offensive odors and attraction of rodents and pests.

4. General Provisions

4.1 Storage of any chicken manure is discouraged, unless such waste is properly and sanitarly composted. No chicken manure shall be permitted closer than twenty-five **(25) feet** from any property line, and must be located to the rear wall of the applicant's dwelling. If the presence of chicken manure shall lead to unsanitary conditions such as the attraction of pests, insects or rodents, such condition must be rectified to the reasonable satisfaction of the Code Enforcement officer or the permit to keep chickens may be revoked.

4.2 The total area of all henhouses and enclosures shall not exceed 150 sq.ft. for up to 6 hens.

4.3. Chickens shall be kept in an enclosure at all times. During daylight hours, chickens may be allowed outside their enclosure in a secure fenced in area not beyond the property boundaries. During non-daylight hours, chickens shall be secured in their henhouse.

- 4.4 Only fully shielded lighting shall be used to light the exterior of the henhouse.
Lighting must conform to Section 355-18 of Village Zoning Regulations.
- 4.5 Slaughtering of chickens on the property is prohibited.
- 4.6 Upon discontinuance of the accessory use of raising chicken hens, the permit holder shall notify the enforcement official, whereupon the enforcement official shall inspect the property and the permit shall be terminated.

5. Inspection of Chicken Pen or Enclosure by Code Enforcement Officer

All applicants for a permit to authorize the keeping of chickens within the Village shall agree, as an incident of the application process, to allow the Village Code Enforcement Officer to enter upon the premises of the applicant at any reasonable time during daylight hours to inspect the pen or enclosure and verify compliance with the requirements of this local law. It is specifically understood, and a condition of the application, that the applicant shall allow such inspection without the necessity of prior notice.

6. Penalties.

- 6.1 Enforcement: Upon receipt of a complaint of a violation(s) of this local law or a permit, the Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect, investigate and verify such violation. Should a violation be found:
- a. The code enforcement officer will issue an order to remedy; permit holders shall have five (5) days to remedy the violation.
 - b. A second notice shall be issued to the permit holder should the violation(s) not be addressed. This order will include an order to revoke the permit should the violation not be remedied within the timeline issued by the Code enforcement officer.
 - c. If a permit holder has failed to remediate the violation, the permit shall be revoked upon five days written notice to the permit holder.
- 6.2 A permit to keep chickens shall be revoked by the Code Enforcement Officer, upon five days written notice to the permit holder, in the event that two (2) substantiated violations of this local law shall occur.

6.3 Revocation of a permit to raise or keep chickens, for any cause, shall result in a of a disallowance new or renewal permit by that party for at least one year.

6.4 In the event that a permit holder does not comply once a permit is revoked, the Code Enforcement Officer or Village Attorney may issue an appearance ticket to the Village of Altamont Justice Court. Any person found guilty of violating this Local law is punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00 for each offense calculating from the first order. Each day's continuation of the offense shall be considered a separate offense.

7.0 Miscellaneous Provisions

7.1 Conflicting Law.

- a. In the event that any conflicting State or County law, regulation or similar legislation shall address the keeping of chickens in a Village setting, the requirements of this local law shall supersede such legislation unless such legislation is more restrictive, in which case the State or County law or regulation shall apply.
- b. The Village of Altamont Zoning Law, Chapter 355, Attachment 1 (Use Schedule) shall be amended as follows:
 - i. Delete the term "Agriculture, not including the keeping of fowel or farm animals" and replace with the term "Agriculture, not including the keeping of farm animals or fowel other than chickens kept in accordance with Village law".
 - ii. Delete the term "Agriculture, including the keeping of fowel or farm animals" and replace with the term "Agriculture, including the keeping of farm animals or fowel other than chickens kept in accordance with Village law".

7.2 Severability

Should any section or provision of this local law be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the local law as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so explicitly declared to be invalid.

8.0. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 1 - Project and Setting

Instructions for Completing Part 1

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: A Local Law to Permit the Keeping of Chickens in the Village of Altamont		
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map): Village of Altamont		
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need): The proposed local law would permit the keeping of chickens upon issuance of a permit from the Village of Altamont Building Department, establish minimum requirements for the design and size of chicken pens and runs, establish limits on the number of chickens that can be kept on a property, prohibit the keeping of roosters, impose minimum standards to ensure sanitary conditions, and require inspection by the Village Code Enforcement Officer.		
Name of Applicant/Sponsor: Village of Altamont Board of Trustees	Telephone: (518) 861-8554	
	E-Mail: altamontclerk@nycap.rr.com	
Address: 115 Main Street		
City/PO: Altamont	State: New York	Zip Code: 12009
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role):	Telephone:	
	E-Mail:	
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone:	
	E-Mail:	
Address:		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:

B. Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)		
Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Application Date (Actual or projected)
a. City Council, Town Board, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No or Village Board of Trustees		
b. City, Town or Village <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Planning Board or Commission		
c. City, Town or <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Village Zoning Board of Appeals		
d. Other local agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
e. County agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
f. Regional agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
g. State agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
h. Federal agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
i. Coastal Resources.		
i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
ii. Is the project site located in a community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
iii. Is the project site within a Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

C. Planning and Zoning

C.1. Planning and zoning actions.	
Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Yes, complete sections C, F and G. If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1 	
C.2. Adopted land use plans.	
a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, village or county) comprehensive land use plan(s) include the site where the proposed action would be located? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include specific recommendations for the site where the proposed action would be located? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b. Is the site of the proposed action within any local or regional special planning district (for example: Greenway; Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); designated State or Federal heritage area; watershed management plan; or other?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, identify the plan(s):	
Remediation Sites: V00478, NYS Heritage Areas: Mowhawk Heritage Corridor	
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c. Is the proposed action located wholly or partially within an area listed in an adopted municipal open space plan, or an adopted municipal farmland protection plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes, identify the plan(s):	
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C.3. Zoning

a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance. ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?

b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site? Change in allowable uses in all districts to allow the keeping of chickens

C.4. Existing community services.

a. In what school district is the project site located? n/a

b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?

n/a

c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?

n/a

d. What parks serve the project site?

n/a

D. Project Details

D.1. Proposed and Potential Development

a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed, include all components)?

b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres

b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres

c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned
or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres

c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use? ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles, housing units, square feet)? % _____ Units: _____

d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)

ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Number of lots proposed? _____

iv. Minimum and maximum proposed lot sizes? Minimum _____ Maximum _____

e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases? ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. If No, anticipated period of construction: _____ months

ii. If Yes:

- Total number of phases anticipated _____

- Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) _____ month _____ year

- Anticipated completion date of final phase _____ month _____ year

- Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progress of one phase may determine timing or duration of future phases: _____

f. Does the project include new residential uses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
If Yes, show numbers of units proposed.				
	<u>One Family</u>	<u>Two Family</u>	<u>Three Family</u>	<u>Multiple Family (four or more)</u>
Initial Phase	_____	_____	_____	_____
At completion	_____	_____	_____	_____
of all phases	_____	_____	_____	_____

g. Does the proposed action include new non-residential construction (including expansions)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes,	
i. Total number of structures _____	
ii. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: _____ height; _____ width; and _____ length	
iii. Approximate extent of building space to be heated or cooled: _____ square feet	

h. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that will result in the impoundment of any liquids, such as creation of a water supply, reservoir, pond, lake, waste lagoon or other storage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes,	
i. Purpose of the impoundment: _____	
ii. If a water impoundment, the principal source of the water: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground water <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water streams <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify: _____	
iii. If other than water, identify the type of impounded/contained liquids and their source. _____	
iv. Approximate size of the proposed impoundment. Volume: _____ million gallons; surface area: _____ acres	
v. Dimensions of the proposed dam or impounding structure: _____ height; _____ length	
vi. Construction method/materials for the proposed dam or impounding structure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, concrete): _____	

D.2. Project Operations

a. Does the proposed action include any excavation, mining, or dredging, during construction, operations, or both? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
(Not including general site preparation, grading or installation of utilities or foundations where all excavated materials will remain onsite)	
If Yes:	
i. What is the purpose of the excavation or dredging? _____	
ii. How much material (including rock, earth, sediments, etc.) is proposed to be removed from the site?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume (specify tons or cubic yards): _____ • Over what duration of time? _____ 	
iii. Describe nature and characteristics of materials to be excavated or dredged, and plans to use, manage or dispose of them. _____	
iv. Will there be onsite dewatering or processing of excavated materials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, describe. _____	
v. What is the total area to be dredged or excavated? _____ acres	
vi. What is the maximum area to be worked at any one time? _____ acres	
vii. What would be the maximum depth of excavation or dredging? _____ feet	
viii. Will the excavation require blasting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
ix. Summarize site reclamation goals and plan: _____	

b. Would the proposed action cause or result in alteration of, increase or decrease in size of, or encroachment into any existing wetland, waterbody, shoreline, beach or adjacent area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes:	
i. Identify the wetland or waterbody which would be affected (by name, water index number, wetland map number or geographic description): _____	

ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placement of structures, or alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in square feet or acres:

iii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, describe: _____

iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

- acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed: _____
- expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion: _____
- purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access): _____
- proposed method of plant removal: _____
- if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s): _____

v. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance: _____

c. Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

- Name of district or service area: _____
- Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do existing lines serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iii. Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

- Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____
- Source(s) of supply for the district: _____

iv. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

- Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____
- Date application submitted or anticipated: _____
- Proposed source(s) of supply for new district: _____

v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project: _____

vi. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity: _____ gallons/minute.

d. Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

i. Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: _____ gallons/day

ii. Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe all components and approximate volumes or proportions of each): _____

iii. Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

- Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used: _____
- Name of district: _____
- Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the project site in the existing district? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is expansion of the district needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do existing sewer lines serve the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No • Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project: _____ 	
<p>iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant/sponsor for new district: _____ • Date application submitted or anticipated: _____ • What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge? _____ 	
<p>v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including specifying proposed receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">_____ Square feet or _____ acres (impervious surface)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">_____ Square feet or _____ acres (parcel size)</p> <p>ii. Describe types of new point sources. _____</p> <p>iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent properties, groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands: _____ <p>_____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 	
<p>iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, identify:</p> <p>i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit, or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) • _____ Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) 	

<p>h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, landfills, composting facilities)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric): _____</p> <p>ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination measures included in project design (e.g., combustion to generate heat or electricity, flaring): _____</p>			
<p>i. Will the proposed action result in the release of air pollutants from open-air operations or processes, such as quarry or landfill operations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., diesel exhaust, rock particulates/dust): _____</p>			
<p>j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels or generate substantial new demand for transportation facilities or services? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Randomly between hours of _____ to _____.</p> <p>ii. For commercial activities only, projected number of truck trips/day and type (e.g., semi trailers and dump trucks): _____</p> <p>iii. Parking spaces: Existing _____ Proposed _____ Net increase/decrease _____</p> <p>iv. Does the proposed action include any shared use parking? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>v. If the proposed action includes any modification of existing roads, creation of new roads or change in existing access, describe: _____</p> <p>vi. Are public/private transportation service(s) or facilities available within ½ mile of the proposed site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>vii. Will the proposed action include access to public transportation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric or other alternative fueled vehicles? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>viii. Will the proposed action include plans for pedestrian or bicycle accommodations for connections to existing pedestrian or bicycle routes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p>k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial projects only) generate new or additional demand for energy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of the proposed action: _____</p> <p>ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project (e.g., on-site combustion, on-site renewable, via grid/local utility, or other): _____</p> <p>iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to an existing substation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
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<p>m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction, operation, or both? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest occupied structures: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons) or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Product(s) to be stored _____</p> <p>ii. Volume(s) _____ per unit time _____ (e.g., month, year)</p> <p>iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides, insecticides) during construction or operation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe proposed treatment(s):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
<p>ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ tons per _____ (unit of time) • Operation : _____ tons per _____ (unit of time) <p>ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ • Operation: _____ <p>iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: _____ • Operation: _____ 	

s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities): _____

ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:

- _____ Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or
- _____ Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment

iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: _____ years

t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility: _____

ii. Generally describe processes or activities involving hazardous wastes or constituents: _____

iii. Specify amount to be handled or generated _____ tons/month

iv. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of hazardous constituents: _____

v. Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing offsite hazardous waste facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes: provide name and location of facility: _____

If No: describe proposed management of any hazardous wastes which will not be sent to a hazardous waste facility: _____

E. Site and Setting of Proposed Action

E.1. Land uses on and surrounding the project site

a. Existing land uses.

i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.

☐ Urban ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential (suburban) ☐ Rural (non-farm)

☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other (specify): _____

ii. If mix of uses, generally describe: _____

b. Land uses and covertypes on the project site.

Land use or Covertypes	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)
• Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces			
• Forested			
• Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non-agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)			
• Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)			
• Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)			
• Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)			
• Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)			
• Other Describe: _____			

<p>c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>i. If Yes: explain: _____</p>
<p>d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes,</p> <p>i. Identify Facilities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>e. Does the project site contain an existing dam? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam height: _____ feet • Dam length: _____ feet • Surface area: _____ acres • Volume impounded: _____ gallons OR acre-feet <p>ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: _____</p> <p>iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Has the facility been formally closed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, cite sources/documentation: _____ <p>ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurred: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Spills Incidents database <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database <input type="checkbox"/> Neither database </div> <div> Provide DEC ID number(s): _____ Provide DEC ID number(s): _____ </div> </div> <p>ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): _____</p> <p>iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control limiting property uses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- If yes, DEC site ID number: _____
- Describe the type of institutional control (e.g., deed restriction or easement): _____
- Describe any use limitations: _____
- Describe any engineering controls: _____
- Will the project affect the institutional or engineering controls in place? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Explain: _____

E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site

a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project site? _____ feet

b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bedrock outcroppings? _____ %

c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site: _____ %
 _____ %
 _____ %

d. What is the average depth to the water table on the project site? Average: _____ feet

e. Drainage status of project site soils: ☐ Well Drained: _____ % of site
☐ Moderately Well Drained: _____ % of site
☐ Poorly Drained: _____ % of site

f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with slopes: ☐ 0-10%: _____ % of site
☐ 10-15%: _____ % of site
☐ 15% or greater: _____ % of site

g. Are there any unique geologic features on the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, describe: _____

h. Surface water features.

i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlands or other waterbodies (including streams, rivers, ponds or lakes)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the project site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes to either i or ii, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.

iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or adjoining the project site regulated by any federal, state or local agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbody on the project site, provide the following information:

- Streams: Name _____ Classification _____
- Lakes or Ponds: Name _____ Classification _____
- Wetlands: Name _____ Approximate Size _____
- Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC) _____

v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most recent compilation of NYS water quality-impaired waterbodies? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis for listing as impaired: _____

i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway? ☐ Yes ☐ No

j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No

k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain? ☐ Yes ☐ No

l. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoining, a primary, principal or sole source aquifer? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes:

i. Name of aquifer: _____

<p>m. Identify the predominant wildlife species that occupy or use the project site: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>n. Does the project site contain a designated significant natural community? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Describe the habitat/community (composition, function, and basis for designation): _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of description or evaluation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Extent of community/habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently: _____ acres • Following completion of project as proposed: _____ acres • Gain or loss (indicate + or -): _____ acres
<p>o. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by the federal government or NYS as endangered or threatened, or does it contain any areas identified as habitat for an endangered or threatened species? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing (endangered or threatened): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>p. Does the project site contain any species of plant or animal that is listed by NYS as rare, or as a species of special concern? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Species and listing: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>q. Is the project site or adjoining area currently used for hunting, trapping, fishing or shell fishing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, give a brief description of how the proposed action may affect that use: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>E.3. Designated Public Resources On or Near Project Site</p>
<p>a. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in a designated agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and 304? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, provide county plus district name/number: _____</p>
<p>b. Are agricultural lands consisting of highly productive soils present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. If Yes: acreage(s) on project site? _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Source(s) of soil rating(s): _____</p>
<p>c. Does the project site contain all or part of, or is it substantially contiguous to, a registered National Natural Landmark? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Nature of the natural landmark: <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Community <input type="checkbox"/> Geological Feature</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Provide brief description of landmark, including values behind designation and approximate size/extent: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>d. Is the project site located in or does it adjoin a state listed Critical Environmental Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. CEA name: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Basis for designation: _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">iii. Designating agency and date: _____</p>

e. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource: <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Site <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Building or District ii. Name: _____ iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based: _____ 	
f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Describe possible resource(s): _____ ii. Basis for identification: _____ 	
h. Is the project site within five miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify resource: _____ ii. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic trail or scenic byway, etc.): _____ iii. Distance between project and resource: _____ miles. 	
i. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify the name of the river and its designation: _____ ii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6 NYCRR Part 666? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 	

F. Additional Information

Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.

If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those impacts plus any measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.

G. Verification

I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant/Sponsor Name Village of Altamont Board of Trustees Date September 5, 2023

Signature Kerry A. Deane Title Village Mayor

FULL ASSESSMENT FORM – PART 1 ATTACHMENT:
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NARRATIVE
ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN THE
VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Brief Explanation

The Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) at section C.1 asks if administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation is the only approval which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed. In this matter, the proposed local law to permit the keeping of chickens in the Village, the answer to this question is Yes. That is, no other approvals must be granted to adopt the local law. In that circumstance the EAF directs that only sections C, G and F of the EAF must be completed. Because the adoption of this local law is not project-specific, it is not necessary to complete Section C.4. To provide additional information, this supplement is provided in response to EAF section F.

Name of Action and SEQRA Status:

A Local Law to Permit the Keeping of Chickens in the Village of Altamont. The proposed local law is classified as a Type I action as it will permit the keeping of chickens in all zoning districts in the Village which, under current law, is prohibited.

Description of Action

Residents of the Village of Altamont have expressed their desire to keep chickens on their property and the Village of Altamont Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) has undertaken to develop a local law that would permit the keeping of chickens if specific conditions are met. The proposed local law would permit the keeping of chickens upon issuance of a permit from the Village of Altamont Building Department, establish minimum requirements for the design and size of chicken pens and runs, establish limits on the number of chickens that can be kept on a property, prohibit the keeping of roosters, impose minimum standards to ensure sanitary conditions, and require inspection by the Village Code Enforcement Officer.

The adoption of the proposed local law is administrative in nature and while it will result in permits being issued for the keeping of chickens and potentially the construction of backyard chicken coops, subsequent land disturbance and development is expected to be minimal.

Since the proposed action is likely to result in minimal land disturbance and since it would generally apply to the entirety of the Village of Altamont, most of the questions in the EAF are not applicable to this action.

From: Gregory Giorgio [REDACTED]
Subject: Backyard Chickens
Date: Jul 17, 2023 at 9:40:35 AM
To: mayordineen@gmail.com

Dear Mayor:

I want to urge the Village Board to adopt, as many other local communities have done, an ordinance which allows Altamont residents to raise backyard chickens.

My experience in other communities, like Madison, Wisconsin, with denser residential spacing, and their successful maintenance of backyard chicken programs shows that we can do the same with no negative consequences.

Chickens are excellent foils for tick populations, which are continuing to expand and cause outbreaks of Lyme, Anaplasmosis and Babesiosis, diseases which can have serious implications for health and well being for all ages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Greg Giorgio,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: Eric B [REDACTED]
Subject: Cluck Cluck
Date: Jul 18, 2023 at 9:17:31 PM
To: mayordineen@gmail.com

Good evening Mayor Dineen,

I attended the village board meeting this evening, 7/18/23, with the interest of observing and possibly engaging in the discussion about allowing chickens in the village. I even dragged my 13 year old son with me for the experience.

After 4 or 5 people had spoken in support of the measure, with none in opposition, and all board members also seemed to be in favor or at least indifferent, it seemed like my additional comments would just be piling on and delaying the remaining agenda items.

If I had spoken, it would have been as a voice of the typically civically unengaged - the sort that might sign a petition and have genuine interest in something, but be unaware or unable to attend village meetings. I don't have much of an excuse aside from a toddler, since I live directly across the street, so I felt I should attend today and show my family's support for an ordinance allowing chickens in residential backyards.

Like someone else had mentioned, I thought the measure had passed some time ago and was surprised to hear that it had not when speaking with other village residents. I was also somewhat surprised to see, from a simple Google search, that a majority of municipalities around Altamont allow chickens, many of them more densely settled or even urban areas. I was pleased to hear that there was already a sort of draft ready to go based on other local laws, because it seems like there are a number of models that could be looked at to determine what works best for Altamont. Whatever drawbacks there are based on those guidelines, I'd be interested to hear them and for the Board to discuss some common sense solutions to assuage those concerns. It seems like this has generally broad public support, and I am certainly in favor of it for myself and my neighbors.

I intend to take part in further public discussion on this issue, and I join what I believe is an (often silent) plurality of village residents that appreciate the Board taking the time to consider it.

Thanks very much,

Eric Buckley
[REDACTED]

FYI

From: Deborah McKee via Altamont NY <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:16 PM

To: PBlackwood <villageclerk@altamontvillage.org>

Subject: Suggestions for the Village Board

Submitted on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - 1:16pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 2600:1017:b003:37c:20a2:2d14:9120:8fb6

Submitted values are:

Subject: Suggestions for the Village Board

Message:

I am not able to be at the meeting tonight, but want to let the Board know that I am in favor of allowing residents to raise chickens on their property. Recently I read an article about a village that gave two chickens to any resident that signed up for them. There ended up being so many people requesting chickens that the amount of food going to the landfill decreased significantly. Chickens also provide a service in the bugs they eat, including deer ticks.

I believe the benefits of allowing homeowners to raise chickens far outweigh any negatives. I will most likely not be raising chickens at this point in my life, but would love to buy eggs locally!

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Deborah McKee

Your E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Organization:

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

==Address==

Street: [REDACTED]

City: Altamont

State: New York

Zipcode: 12009

From: Shannon Duerr [REDACTED]
Subject: yes to backyard chickens!
Date: Jul 18, 2023 at 1:44:54 PM
To: mayordineen@gmail.com
Cc: trusteeahrenkopf@altamontvillage.org,
trusteeganance@altamontvillage.org,
trusteesally@altamontvillage.org,
trusteematulewicz@altamontvillage.org

Dear Mayor Dineen and Members of the Village Board,

My name is Shannon Duerr, and I have lived at [REDACTED] here in the Village for the last 8 years. I'm not able to attend this evening's Board meeting, but I did want to formally voice my support for allowing backyard chickens in the Village.

There are many benefits to backyard chickens: they eat food waste that would otherwise end up in the trash, they eat bugs and reduce or eliminate the need for chemical pest control, they provide eggs and help support a climate-friendly "eat local" food movement, and they provide children and families a chance to learn firsthand about care of livestock and the effort required to look after the animals that keep us fed. The potential drawbacks to backyard chickens: driving hazards, noise and rodents, can all be mitigated by requiring responsible keeping. No roosters, a limit on the number of chickens on a property, requiring enclosed runs and secure feed storage.

Many other local municipalities, including the Town of Guilderland and the City of Albany, allow backyard chickens with reasonable restrictions. I hope Altamont will join them in permitting responsible chicken ownership in the Village!

Shannon Duerr

[REDACTED] Altamont
[REDACTED]

villageclerk@altamontvillage.org

From: NVS Landscape Services [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:27 PM
To: villageclerk@altamontvillage.org
Subject: Support of Altamont residents being able to own chickens

Good Afternoon,

My name is Wesley Trumpler. I currently reside at [REDACTED], Altamont. While not technically an Altamont Resident (just outside village limits), I would like to voice my support for the residents of Altamont being allowed to have chickens in their backyard through my own experiences with a decent sized flock on our property. Unfortunately I could not attend this evenings meeting due to sports commitments for my son but at least wanted to share my experiences owning chickens in the more rural part of Altamont. Growing up in Altamont, we've always had chickens in some form or function, and they were always a pleasure to have a kid and even fun to have as an adult today. In my experience chickens are as friendly to adults and children as you allow them to be. Just like any other pet a resident may have. I have a 10 year old son and 2 year old daughter, an they will walk right into the coop with ours without any issue. Kids being around chicks and full grown chickens is an absolutely awesome way for them to get further educated in biology, life cycles, and just a better grasp on agriculture and where our food comes from. You can't beat the hands on experience anywhere. My daughter loves to get the eggs with me each day and put them in the refrigerator. Just like having any other pet, its a life long lesson in responsibility, something kids absolutely need. In addition to education, the money we save not having to buy eggs is definitely a relief to our grocery budget, and we produce enough where we can also supplement friends and family and save them money in the process. Lastly I just want to dispel any rumors in regards to attracting predators, especially in the more suburban areas. As a lifelong hunter and outdoorsman, I'm outside in the woods all the time. On our large plot of land we have a giant population of coyote, foxes, fishers, bobcat, weasels, and many bear as well. We hear the coyotes hunting at night, see all these animals on my trail cameras daily, and see them in person all the time as well. All this being said, we have never had any predator come near the house or coop, attempt to get in the coop, attack them, or kill any of our chickens. Even with cameras around the house there isnt even an increase in sightings of animals being curious near the coop. While i'm sure it will happen on occasion, I'd argue through experience that if the predators in our area wanted to get our chickens they could, they just don't. In the end it's my opinion that chickens provide far more positives than negatives to our community. In a time when food prices are through the roof, Chickens area great sustainable and renewable resource, they are much cleaner than people will admit, and the benefits for the community are multifaceted. Thank you all for what you do and taking the time to read and consider this email. I wish I could have attended but hopefully my experiences will help you and others with the decision for our great little village.

V/R

Wes Trumpler

From: Kirby Wilson [REDACTED]
Subject: Hens, not Roosters!
Date: Jul 18, 2023 at 4:05:54 PM
To: Kerry Dineen mayordineen@gmail.com

Dear Mayor,

For tonight's Village meeting, please consider restricting any new ordinance allowing backyard chickens to only hens and no crowing roosters.

We had neighbors with hens and a rooster nearby on Brandle Road a year or so ago, and the rooster crowed loudly for 5-10 minutes at a time starting at sunrise and periodically until Noon every day. The rooster crowing did wake me up too early many days and was mildly annoying all morning. This came to an end when the rooster and most of the chickens were taken by a woodland critter.

I support approval of allowing hens in the village in reasonable numbers. I understand chickens can get started laying eggs, then continue laying without a rooster around.

Thank you!

Kirby Wilson

[REDACTED]
Altamont

From: Judi Aumand [REDACTED]
Subject: Chickens in Altamont
Date: Jul 20, 2023 at 9:13:28 AM
To: mayordineen@gmail.com

Good morning

I am writing to express my support of residence being permitted to keep chickens on their property. I agree with the information on the flyer. Most obvious is that chickens can provide families/households with eggs. Especially as the price of groceries continues to rise it would seem this is an immediate benefit. Additionally people could offer the additional eggs for sale to other members in the community. Another positive fact I had not known until recently is that chickens eat ticks. Ticks are becoming more and more problematic even within the backyards in the village. They are no longer just in heavily wooded areas or high grass areas. I cannot think of a negative consequence to people being allowed to be responsible chicken owners. I'm sure like any other law or ordinance concerning animals there should be safeguards put in place both for the animals and for the public at large.

Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion on this matter.

Judi Aumand
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lorinda Richardson [REDACTED]
Subject: Chickens
Date: Jul 18, 2023 at 4:09:22 PM
To: mayordineen@gmail.com

Dear Ms Dineen,

I am writing to you to voice my opinion on keeping of chickens in the village of Altamont. I believe that raising chickens for eggs should be allowed in the village. However, I do not believe that roosters should be allowed. There are many benefits associated with raising chickens. Please consider allowing chickens in our village.

Sincerely,

Lorinda and Wayne Richardson

[REDACTED]
Altamont

Sent from my iPhone

villageclerk@altamontvillage.org

From: Contact form at Altamont NY <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2023 4:15 PM
To: PBlackwood
Subject: [Altamont NY] Proposed law on owning chickens (Sent by John Polk, [REDACTED])

Flag Status: Flagged

Hello PBlackwood,

John Polk ([REDACTED]) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.altamontvillage.org/user/32/contact>) at Altamont NY.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.altamontvillage.org/user/32/edit>.

Message:

Dear Mayor Dineen and Trustees of the Village Board,
I'm very grateful for your efforts to develop a law to allow residents to own chickens in Altamont. After reviewing the details of the proposed law I believe this is a good ordinance and most provisions are very appropriate. I am writing to offer the following edits and amendments.

1. Please include provision for up to 12 chickens on larger properties (e.g., greater than 5 acres (217800sq feet). Such an increase would allow us to better provide eggs for our family and given the larger property size, would not result in any infringement on neighbors. This change would be simple to describe in the proposed law since all of the per-chicken minimum sizes are already prescribed.
2. 3.4b It is common and normal behavior for chickens to forage on the ground for insects, arthropods and worms. Similarly they can require grit for proper digestion, and enjoy foraging for and eating food scraps. I propose changing language from a 'prohibition' from eating from the ground to a 'recommendation'.
3. 3.4d. Consider increasing the maximum run height to 7'. This will enable taller individuals to safely access the run.4.1. There is an extra word, 'Sanitarily', at start of the 3rd sentence. Consider beginning the sentence with capitalized 'If...'
4. 4.2. Is the maximum size requirement necessary? 150sqft is very close to the minimum size permitted. It can be nice to allow the hens greater room to roam in their runs and coops.
5. I'm wondering if section 4.6 is necessary? Failure to renew annually would have the same effect with less administrative burden.

Again, I'm very grateful that you've developed this law and hope you will consider these amendments. If you'd prefer that I propose more specific language for amendments I'm happy to do so.

With thanks and best wishes,

John Polk
[REDACTED]

villageclerk@altamontvillage.org

From: Agnes Armstrong via Altamont NY <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2023 2:08 PM
To: PBlackwood
Subject: Village Clerk

Submitted on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 2:07pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 2600:1017:a011:3d0b:d8b4:b47a:dc0:ec3a
Submitted values are:

Subject: Village Clerk

Message:

I give my full support to allowing the residents of the Village of Altamont to keep chickens on their property.

Agnes Armstrong
[REDACTED]

Altamont, New York

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Agnes Armstrong

Your E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Organization:

Phone Number [REDACTED]

==Address==

Street: [REDACTED]

City: Altamont

State: New York

Zipcode: 12009

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.altamontvillage.org/node/2/submission/3931>

villageclerk@altamontvillage.org

From: Dana Panetta via Altamont NY <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2023 3:12 PM
To: PBlackwood
Subject: Village Clerk

Submitted on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 3:11pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 67.246.65.19
Submitted values are:

Subject: Village Clerk

Message:

Hi, I live in the village and am writing in support of allowing chickens within the village. I don't have plans to get chickens myself at the present but would support our interested neighbors in having them.

Thank you, Dana Panetta

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Dana Panetta

Your E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Organization:

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

==Address==

Street: [REDACTED]

City: Altamont

State: New York

Zipcode: 12009

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villageclerk@altamontvillage.org

From: Michael Seinberg via Altamont NY <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2023 3:49 PM
To: PBlackwood
Subject: Village Clerk

Submitted on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 3:48pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 108.183.2.220
Submitted values are:

Subject: Village Clerk

Message: I would like to be noted as fully supportive of chicken in the village. I also think the idea of having to get a yearly permit is overkill and inspections by the building department is silly. Unless you're going to do the same thing for dog and cat owners, you're showing serious anti-chicken bias.

==Please provide the following information==

Your Name: Michael Seinberg

Your E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Organization: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

==Address==

Street: [REDACTED]

City: Altamont

State: New York

Zipcode: 12009

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.altamontvillage.org/node/2/submission/3941>