

TOWN OF CONCORD
Public Hearing
Data Center Moratorium Local Law

July 15, 2026
8:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR

ROLL CALL: PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR
CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCIL MEMBER
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCIL MEMBER
KIMBERLY S. KRZEMIEN, COUNCIL MEMBER
KENNETH KASSEL, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA SAFFORD, Town Clerk
LARRY HEIM, Hwy Supt.
ERIC WIEDEMANN, CEO

v

Irene Gangler	Caroline Francisco
Leslie Bennett	Julie Francisco
Zachary Nobles	Neal Steward
Nicole Gangler	Angela Steward
Sarah Rodriguez	Valerie Csehoski
Nan Regan	Shannon Darr
Diana Whitney	

Supervisor Drozd opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 a.m. regarding Proposed Local Law #4, a one year moratorium on the acceptance, processing, review, consideration, approval, and issuance of applications, permits, certificates, site plan approvals, special use permits, variances, building permits, and other land use approvals relating to the construction, establishment, expansion, enlargement, conversion, or operation of data centers within the Town.

TOWN OF CONCORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Concord will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Concord Town Hall, 86 Franklin Street, Springville, New York, for the purpose of considering Proposed Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2026 which, if approved, would impose a one year moratorium on the acceptance, processing, review, consideration, approval, and issuance of applications, permits, certificates, site plan approvals, special use permits, variances, building permits, and other land use approvals relating to the construction, establishment, expansion, enlargement, conversion, or operation of data centers within the Town.

Copies of the proposed local law are available for review in the office of the Town Clerk.

There will be a Special Meeting held immediately after the Public Hearing.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Springville Journal on July 2, 2026 and was also posted on the Town’s signboard at 86 Franklin Street, Springville, New York, and the Town’s website www.townofconcordny.gov on July 2, 2026.

Supervisor Drozd began the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #4 of 2026:

"A Local Law Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Applications, Approvals, Permits, and Construction Related to Data Centers Within the Town of Concord."

Purpose of Proposed Local Law: The proposed Local Law would establish a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, review, consideration, approval, and issuance of applications, permits, certificates, site plan approvals, special use permits,

variances, building permits, and other land use approvals relating to the construction, establishment, expansion, enlargement, conversion, or operation of data centers within the Town.

For purposes of the proposed Local Law, a "Data Center" shall mean a building, facility, or group of buildings and facilities used primarily for the housing, operation, management, processing, storage, transmission, or distribution of digital data or electronic information through computer servers, networking equipment, data storage systems, cooling equipment, backup power systems, and related infrastructure, including colocation facilities, cloud computing facilities, artificial intelligence computing facilities, high-performance computing facilities, and similar commercial computing operations.

The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Town Board sufficient time to study the potential land use, zoning, environmental, infrastructure, public safety, utility demand, noise, traffic, and community character impacts associated with data centers and to determine whether amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Law, Site Plan Review Law, and other applicable regulations are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town.

The proposed moratorium would remain in effect for a period of one year from its effective date unless earlier modified, extended, or repealed by the Town Board.

Supervisor Drozd asked if anyone attending the meeting wanted to address the Board. Nicole Gangler of North St. asked the Board if there were any current plans for building data centers in town-there are not. CEO Wiedemann stated that at this time there are no applications, but our code book does not have any rules listed in regards to data centers. This moratorium gives the Board time to decide how to handle these requests. Ms. Gangler also asked if there would be a meeting held if someone did apply for a permit for a data center after the moratorium-yes there would be a public hearing.

Shannon Darr of East Concord asked if the Town has any partners in regards to this matter, and Supervisor Drozd told her that there are no partners. Ms. Darr does not think that data centers belong in our area.

Supervisor Drozd informed the meeting attendees that the reason the Board holds meetings at 8 am is because some of the Board members work full time jobs, and they all have many other things going on, and sometimes it does not work with their schedules to have meetings at night. Many of our neighborhood communities are also stating to hold meetings earlier in the day.

Caroline Francisco was born and raised in Springville bur currently lives in Memphis, Tennessee. She came to this meeting in support of the moratorium. There are multiple data centers in Memphis and they have made a horrible impact on the community.

Valerie Csehoski moved to the area last year, and she thanked the Board for considering the moratorium.

Sarah Rodrigues lives on Spaulding Rd. and she would like to commend the Board for proposing this law. She would like to encourage the Board to take this matter one step further and ban all data centers in the Town.

Angela Steward from Mill St. has concerns about the effect on farm animals, and would like to know if data centers would be responsible for clean up when they leave the area and if the land would be usable after that. Supervisor Drozd said that those are questions that no one has the answers to right now.

Zachary Noble from Collins asked the Board if there has been any correspondence from our Senator on this matter, and Supervisor Drozd has not seen anything.

The Public Hearing remained opened until 8:23 a.m. Motion by Council Member Kassel, seconded by Council Member Krzemien, to close the Public Hearing. All voting aye. Carried.

Laura Safford
Town Clerk