

Special Town Board Meeting

& Public Hearing

June 2, 2018

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Mettler and Councilperson Gansowski. Councilperson Wolf absent.

Supervisor Nayer opened the public hearing at 9:00am with 9 people in attendance. The purpose of the public hearing was for the public to comment on the proposed Zoning Change Law. Supervisor Nayer advised the Public that there would be no questions answered and this hearing is for the Public to voice their concerns and questions only. The Board will meet at a later date to take under consideration comments and concerns from today's public hearing.

Jeff Paige from Hillsdale voiced his concerns with the area along Route 23 near the Hillsdale/Copake Town line being changed to a Highway Commercial Zone. Highway Commercial would allow large scale development in this area that could affect the aquifer?

Alona Harris from Sky Top Road is concerned about the change in the zoning district of part of the 55 acres her family has owned for over fifty years. Ms. Harris questioned why there was a need for a change in the zoning district and that going from an R-2 district to an R district would deprive her family of revenue in the case of a possible sale. In closing Ms. Harris asked the Board to reconsider changing the zoning district on her family's land.

Marcia Becker requested the Board consider including water in extractive operations and regulations.

Bob Haight asked when the public would get answers to some of these questions and concerns. Supervisor Nayer stated that the Board had an informational meeting already and the Board will meet at a later date to take under consideration comments and concerns from today's public hearing and that is it. Mr. Haight stated that during the informational meeting some people were cut off when they were asking questions and wanted to know when there would be a time when the public could get answers to their questions.

Chris Grant commented that the proposed changes are posted on the Town's Website and if it could be interactive and the public would be able to ask questions on the website and receive a reply back according to public record.

Marcia Becker agreed with Mr. Haight's concerns about having another meeting to answer these questions for the public. Mrs. Becker asked the Board to consider adding compost under the Refuse Heading. Also the Board needs look at the definition of a Major subdivision. Mrs. Becker gave two examples of how someone could break up a large parcel over a number years without going to for a major subdivision classification.

The Board left the public hearing open for fifteen minutes to see if anyone else came in with question or concerns.

Edgar Masters stated he thought the law the Board is considering to adopt is excellent and will serve the Town's purposes, and its Comprehensive Plan and urged the Board to pass this law as quickly as procedures permit.

Marcia Becker brought to the Board's attention that the Flood Area Overlay Zone which is the only district that is not on the map and the public looks to that for their flood insurance.

Chris Grant suggested that the Local Water Front Revitalization Plan, which is another planning document, should be integrated with the planning document.

Supervisor Nayer stated that they have received recommendations from the Planning Board and they will be entered into the minutes.

Supervisor Nayer closed the Public Hearing at 9:30am.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby establishes the following standard work day for the position of Park Superintendent, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Councilperson, Appointed Assessor and Dog Control Officer will be 6 hours and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities.

Resolution # 6	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated June 2, 2018	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	absent

The Board set a public Town Board Workshop to consider the comments mentioned during today's public hearing for Wednesday, June 27th at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded Councilperson Gansowski to approve hiring following new Councilors Hunter Anderson, Kara Prack, Matthew Liepman, Kendall Skabowski and the following returning Counselors Dakota Curtsinger, Isabella Lugo, Krysta Skabowski and Jordan Cummings per Summer Playground Director Bryan Van Tassel's recommendation. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Gansowski thanked the LURC members for doing a great job on the Zoning Revisions.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

