

JANUARY 11, 2016 – PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes of a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Somers held on Thursday evening January 14, 2016 at 7:11 PM at the Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, New York.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Rick Morrissey
	Councilman	Richard G. Clinchy
	Councilman	Thomas A. Garrity, Jr.
	Councilman	Anthony J. Cirieco
	Councilman	William G. Faulkner

ABSENT:

Also present were Patricia Kalba, Town Clerk, Geraldine Gilmore, Deputy Town Clerk and Roland A. Baroni, Jr., Town Attorney.

The Supervisor said that this was a public hearing with regard to the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update 2015. He said that this was the second public hearing the Town was having with regard to the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Town Clerk presented affidavit of public notice of the public hearing that appeared in the Somers Record on December 31, 2015 and posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin board the same day.

The Supervisor declared the hearing open and asked for comments from the public.

The Supervisor asked Ms. Syrette Dym, Director of Planning to give an introduction to the Board and the residents. Ms. Dym said that as the Supervisor pointed out this was the second public hearing; the first was held on December 10th and closed with a ten (10) day comment period. She said that the Town did receive a series of comments at both the public hearing and in writing. She continued that all of the comments were taken into consideration and for the most part incorporated into the revised amended Comprehensive Plan that was dated January 5, 2016 and she pointed out where copies were available. Ms. Dym said that the Environment Assessment Forms (EAF) Parts 1, 2 and 3 were available as well for this public hearing. She pointed out who and what entities made comments as well as pointed out two points that they knew were going to be amended before the document was finalized, she read a portion to the Board.

Ms. Dym said that she wanted to identify the process going forward after this public hearing. She recommended that the public hearing be left open to the Board's next regular meeting and at that time the Board should close the hearing without an additional comment period. She continued that at the Board February 4th work session she was requesting they review of all the EAF documents to determine the potential impacts the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan may have on the Town. She said that after that review the Board would be in a position to issue SEQRA finding at their February 11th meeting.

The Supervisor asked Ms. Dym if it was anticipated that at the close of the public hearing on February 11th they would be in a position to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Update. Ms. Dym stated that was correct, should the Board close the public hearing that evening and find that there were no significant impacts as a result of adoption of the plan. The Supervisor thanked Ms. Dym for all of her work with regard to the document.

Ms. Maureen Devine, Susan Drive, read a prepared statement, which she submitted to the Town Clerk with regard to five (5) additional points that needed to be addressed. She said that she did not envy the Town Board's position; planning for the future of a Town was a burden. She wished them the best of luck with the process.

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Mr. Michael Aquilino, Revere Court, said that he was concerned with the possibility of the future extension of Voris Drive to Route 100. He said that they understood that nothing was in place at that time and asked that the Board communicate with the residents of Somers Chase if that ever came before them. He said that the residents of that area would be greatly affected.

Ms. Sandra Maguire, Raemont Road, pointed out a reference with regard to West Somers Park needed to be changed in the draft document, due to a typographical error.

Councilman Garrity thanked everyone for their comments and input in this process.

The Supervisor said that he agreed with Councilman Garrity and things worked at their best when residents of the Town had a dialog and input in what the Board was doing. He thanked everyone for their time.

There being no one to be heard on motion of Supervisor Morrissey, seconded by Councilman Clinchy, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 PM to the Town Board regular meeting, February 11, 2016.

Town Clerk