

EDMESTON TOWN BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 24, 2015

EDMESTON, NY 13335

The Town of Edmeston Town Board held a Public Hearing for review of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes on November 24, 2015 at 7 PM in the Edmeston Municipal Building. The following town board members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher
 Councilman: Fred Tilbe
 Councilman: Scott Convis
 Councilman: David Green
 Town Clerk: Linda Eriksen

Public Hearing was held to hear concerns and comments regarding the proposed amendments to the current zoning laws.

Supervisor Russell Dutcher opened the hearing.

Attached are the concerns voiced by the public at the hearing.

NEXT STEP – Supervisor advised that we are not closing this hearing we are adjourning and will continue next steps with the county planning board.

ADJOURNMENT: Everyone present having been heard, A MOTION BY: Councilman David Green, SECONDED BY: Councilman: Fred Tilbe to adjourn the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED: Supervisor: Russell Dutcher - Aye
 Councilman: Fred Tilbe - Aye Councilman – David Green - Aye
 Councilman: Scott Convis - Aye Councilman – Absent

Supervisor Dutcher adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Eriksen, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING – Review of Proposed Amendments to current Zoning Laws

November 24, 2015 – 7 PM

Supervisor Dutcher opened the hearing.

PUBLIC CONCERNS –

DAVID HOYT – Questioned what was being changed on zoning laws. Explained that changes were on attached sheet.

JAMISON HOYT – Concern of no differential between Corporate and Private Businesses.

DAVID HOYT – Voiced much against the proposed changes especially in the R80. Ask why having zoning laws at all in the town with these changes.

~~CASSEY TWEEEN~~ ^{CASSIE TREEN} – Waterville as example has many private businesses that exit.

JAMISON HOYT – Used Loweville and Cobleskill as examples of look long range – He stated is not for or against anything.

SHARON MUMBULO – Feels changes are too broad. Need to be based on Town Master Plan. Character of town needs to be preserved.

ATTORNEY WILL GREEN – Thanked the board for their endeavor – just remember you cannot single out businesses. Site plan review will help control unwanted businesses. This process was started before the issue with Stanton's.

JAMISON HOYT – Why can't we ^{discriminate} ~~decimate~~ against businesses?

ALICE QUINN – An individual has the right to use their property to their interest. Unless we expand we are limiting grown in our area. Planning Board did review all this.

ALBERT PYLINSKI – Hoyts have many years and have been a great asset as were other past businesses. Some of the past were corporation and others were family businesses. I have to look beyond one business and look into the future. It is our responsibly to see what is happening. We need to look

into futures. What if NYCM leaves this area, we have already gone to Syracuse, Buffalo and Amsterdam. I feel a lot has been put into these changes and we need to move forward.

CHRISTINE STANTON - Discussed her foil request from Town and advised that is the reason we are here. Many businesses currently here are not permitted at this time. A lot of this change is fear, we must overcome it. What if change Dollar General to Stanton Dollar Store. Do you think I will allow just any Dollar General design in here, NO.?

JAMISON HOYT – Lets discuss what we are here for.

GAIL SMITH – Hoyts does not compare to Dollar General. Farmers need to be able to do what they can with their land to make it.

CHRISTINE STANTON – The reason for the changes. We need to have in place in order for businesses to continue here.

LAURA PORTER - My business was farm land. She is concerned if would be able to expand on their land, example multiple family homes. With changes they could possibly expand on their land, as stand now no.

JEREMY HOAG – What if restaurant wants to come in can we reject once these changes are permitted

DOROTHY TILBE – The way the zoning is currently, landowner can't control their own land

ALBERT PYLINSKI – Pathfinder – are they permitted or not.

SYLVIA CHESEBROUGH – All businesses are illegal here and Town is liable at this time. (Non-permitted)

JESSICA HOMER – Norton Gas did have a permit.

JEREMY HOAG – Should the businesses permitted when shouldn't have been be grandfathered into these changes and so noted.

CRAIG STANTON – Will these questions be addressed.

RUSSELL DUTCHER – The board will review all of the concerns.

CONNIE MOCKOVCIAK – Thanks for reviewing all these and is a grandfather clause needed now.

JEREMY HOAG – Thanked the zoning for variance on their property or would not be living here.

SYLVIA CHESEBROUGH - suggested reading all the changes and bring questions to December board meeting.

MARTHA AND MARTIN WINSOR – Supervisor received letter from Winsor's as they were out of town.

“We wish to express our support of the proposed zoning changes and the inclusion of a Dollar General in the plan. To have new businesses is incredibly important to the future of our community. Thank you for allowing us to have input regarding this issue”.

NEXT STEP

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Hearing adjourned at 8:20 by Supervisor Dutcher