

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:20 p.m. at the Town Hall, 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa.

PRESENT: Tim Szczepaniak Supervisor
John Antoski Councilman
Chuck Curtiss Councilman
Bill Goslin Councilman
Carol Gumienny Town Clerk
James Walsh Counsel
ABSENT: Kelly Stewart Councilwoman

Supervisor Szczepaniak opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the following legal ad for the public hearing:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Ballston will hold a public hearing to receive input on expanding and extending Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Water District No. 2, to include parcel 239.00-1-1, said parcel is adjacent to the existing Water District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held on the 26th day of April, 2016 at 6:20 p.m. at the Town Offices located at 323 Charlton Road in the Town of Ballston, at which time all persons and parties in interest shall be heard.

DATED: April 12, 2016

By Order of the Town of Ballston Town Board
Carol Gumienny, Town Clerk

Carl Thurnau, Town resident and former Planning Board Chairperson, stated he is a little confused. The Town just went through a water consolidation, now there is an application for an extension of the water district. He is alarmed at the volume of development and activity in front of the Planning and Town Boards. As a reminder to all, as these developments are proposed, you must consider the future impacts of the traffic, to the schools and the fire departments. Many developments are hundreds of apartments. Traffic will be a disaster on Route 50. We are discussing the extension of water in an agriculture district. He would like to propose that the Town put a moratorium on these types of developments and look at what is going on. We are having Planning Board meetings twice a month. Many projects and major developments are coming in. Mr. Thurnau thinks that if we don't stop and take a step back and look at what is going on, we are making a grave error. Remember, we have had two major referendums in this Town on the rural characteristics of the Town, and the residents overwhelmingly wanted to continue this. Please, listen to them. Again, a moratorium is recommended on development.

Colette Jasinski, of Middleline Road, states she has been out of touch of the goings on in the Town and has trusted the Town Board to take care of Town affairs. She received notification in the mail about this public hearing and stopped at Town hall for more information. She learned that this is a 90 acre parcel. 77 acres are in the rural district and approximately 17 acres are zoned in the consolidated water district. This is one of the largest forest parcels in Town. A lot of wildlife lives in the area. All the proposed apartments are being placed on rural land. She has an issue with this. A map from 2009 to present shows all the PUDDs - the rural area on the west side of Town on Route 50 is slowly being eaten away. The Board should be policing this development. Ms. Jasinski would like to see a curb in this development. There is a lot going on and if we are not careful we will lose the rural character of the Town.

The public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Gumienny
Town Clerk