

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa, New York.

PRESENT	Timothy Szczepaniak	Supervisor
	John Antoski	Councilman
	William Goslin	Councilman
	Kelly Stewart	Councilwoman
	Chuck Curtiss	Councilman
	Carol Gumienny	Clerk
	James Walsh	Counsel

Supervisor Szczepaniak opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing was to offer the public an opportunity to give their comments to the Town Board about extending and expanding Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Water District No. 2 to include Parcel #239.00-1-1 (Katz PUDD)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 (Katz PUDD), said parcel is adjacent to the existing Water District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held on the 11th day of April, 2017 at 6:00 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: March 29, 2017

By Order of the Town of Ballston Town Board

Carol Gumienny

Town Clerk

Supervisor Szczepaniak reminded the public there will be no two-way dialogue. The Board is only here to listen. Each person will have three minutes to speak.

Polly Windels, of Middleline Road, states our Comprehensive Plan says to retain rural nature. This is the Ag District. How can the Board ignore State laws and extend water illegally into the Ag District? She asks the Board to think about what residents want and not what the developer wants.

Joan Pott, of Hop City Road, stated the Ag District was law in 1972 to protect the farmers. Public water draws development and is not allowed in the Ag District. She encourages the Board to stick with the current zoning and the laws, and allow one unit on two acres with wells and protect the farmland.

Eileen Lofthouse, of Hop City Road, wonders where are all the people who want development? She suggests to the Board to step back, reconsider, and look at the number of lawsuits and complaints associated with this. Does this benefit our community?

Carl Thurnau of Woodside Drive, agrees with the previous speakers. He is against large developments which bring overcrowded schools, more traffic and other problems.

Kevin Draina, of Charlton Road, feels the public hearings are a waste of time and the people are not being heard. He is against the water extensions in the Ag District and encourages the Town to reconsider.

Cliff Samson, of Goode Street, states the Board should honor the old resolutions. Water should not be extended in an Ag District.

Dennis Pokrzywka, of Westside Drive, is in favor of this. He wants to see development on Route 50. The Goode Street project is already approved. He is concerned that in the future these people will be asking the Town for water anyway.

Mary Beth Slevin Esq., represents Mr. Katz. All the necessary criteria have been submitted to all parties involved including Ag & Markets. This has been a yearlong process and all parties had adequate time to review all the information. She asks the Board to vote in favor of this water extension.

Paul Simpson, of Westside Drive, asked the Board why proceed when a lawsuit is pending? Our regulations say no, New York State says no. Why are we ignoring this?

Frank Rossi, 1 Constitution Court, is in favor of sensible development. The market will tell us what can be handled, farmers know this best. These projects are being done because they is a need.

No one else wished to speak.

Supervisor Szczepaniak closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Gumienny
Town Clerk