

At 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Pat Connors called to order a public hearing at the Sweden Senior Center, 133 State Street, Brockport, NY. The purpose of the hearing is to hear all persons in favor of or against the proposed amendments to the Town of Sweden Village of Brockport Comprehensive Plan Update 2002.

Committee members present were John Brugger, Pat Connors, Tom Ferris, Jerry Foster, Dave Hale, John Henion, Matthew Minor, Ken Reid, Wayne Rickman, and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting. Visitors present were Monica and Robert Anderson from 8 Hickory Way, Rose Lana from 6107 Brockport Spencerport Road, JoAnn and Joseph Pellegrino from 4377 Redman Road, Marge and Jerry Werner from 6949 Fourth Section Road, Ray Catlin from 4933 Redman Road, Cheryl and Terry Cooley from 8023 West Canal Road, Tim Bates from 69 Royal Garden Way, Sandi and Jim Ford from 4785 Redman Road, Ray and Jackie Morris from 45 Maxon Street, Betty and Ed Daggs from 444 Holley Street, Bev and Fran McKinney from Fourth Section Road, Holley, Ross Cooley from 8023 West Canal Road, Sam and Louis Lustumbo from 4475 Sweden Walker Road, David and Jan Preston from 5400 Redman Road, Julie and Frank Lapinski from 4016 Sweden Walker Road, Karen B Leidig from 938 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin, Kathleen Baud Begeman from 832 West Fork Road, Hamlin, Joan A and Jack Peters from 4805 Redman Road, Clark Robinson from 4911 Redman Road, George f Lloyd from 5490 Redman Road, Ralph Dollinger from 23 Meadowbrook, Albion, Donald Pickens from 1071 West Avenue, Doug Bull from 595 Holley Street, Ruby and Victor Miller from 31 Westwood Drive, Kay and Lee Cromwell from 7217 Fourth Section Road, Terry Marsham from 575 Holley Street, Chuck and Dottie Scott from 850 West Sweden Road, Charlie Garlock from 536 Parma Center Road, Hilton, Frances Rowley from 2000 Norway Road, Kendall, Lauren McCracken from 650 White Road, David G Hawke from 8545 West Canal Road, Ena Farley from 6965 Fourth Section Road, Gary Skoog from 6142 Lake Road South, Brian and Margaret Garske from 4900 Redman Road, Alden Snell from 4555 Redman Road, Brian Slattery from 6437 Redman Road, Eric Johnson from Redman Road, and Bob and Sally Cottrell from 8155 West Canal Road. Also present were Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Danielle Windus-Cook, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Building Inspector Bill Weber, and Deputy Superintendent of Highways Keith Beadle.

Chairperson Connors opened the public hearing stating that this is not a public hearing for the rezoning of the Redman Road property. Rezoning is a function of the Town Board. This committee's job was to focus on updating the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2002 with current information, as well as to project a vision for future development within the town. The committee looked at areas for the provision of services, activities, employment opportunities and ways to broaden the tax base while at the same time looking to see that these features are placed in a setting that is attractive and convenient for public use. In pursuit of a vision for future development the committee could not allow themselves to be confined to what has always been done in the past. There are new and innovative ideas for land use. The committee shares the concerns about commercial development in the Redman Road area. They do not want to see any large retail establishment, shopping mall, strip mall, mini mall or any other kind of mall in that area, a concern shared by the Town Board.

Mrs. Connors then announced that there will be a time limit for tonight's meeting due to another public hearing scheduled for 7:00. The public hearing will be closed at 6:30 p.m. but written comments will be accepted through May 2nd and there will be another opportunity to be heard in front of the Town and Village Boards on May 3rd. The committee will be meeting following this hearing to finalize their part in this process. If there are not any objections, the

minutes from the last public hearing will be incorporated with tonight's hearing minutes. She then opened the floor to comments from people that were not in attendance at the last public hearing.

Karen B Leidig from Hamlin, who lost her son in an accident at the railroad overpass on Redman Road, spoke about the inadequate traffic controls on Redman Road and wanted the public to be made aware of the number of motor vehicle accidents that happen on that road.

Mr. Lloyd from 5490 Redman Road stated that his main concern is about water. He has asked for water on Redman Road and continues to ask for water for that area. He is also concerned about safety in the area and stated that you cannot stop progress. He didn't see any problem with rezoning that area.

Mrs. Peters from 4805 Redman Road is against rezoning the property on Redman Road to commercial. She and her husband had had a vegetable stand at their house and they had tractor-trailers parked there. The Town took them to court to stop them from doing business there. She noted that there are other businesses operating in the residential area and does not want rezoning to commercial to be done.

Mrs. Scott who owns 100 acres with her husband on West Sweden Road does not want any changes made. The people want this to be a rural community and changes and rezoning will eventually affect everyone.

Mrs. Connors asked if there was anyone else that was not at the April 5th public hearing that would like to speak. Someone asked if they could ask a question of everyone there. Mr. Ferris stated that this is a public statement session and welcomed the speaker to step up and make a statement but questions would not be taken. There was general discussion among the public. Mrs. Connors then opened up the floor to anyone else that would like to speak regarding the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Cooley from 8023 West Canal Road read from a prepared statement. He developed a visual picture of what 30 acres, or 25% of the proposed property on Redman Road, would look like if developed commercially and asked if that belonged on Redman Road. He asked that commercial zoning be deleted for the area on Redman Road. He noted that a small group of people would benefit rather than this being a benefit for the greater good of the town. This commercial area would take away business from the downtown village area. He quoted from an article in Snapshots regarding the definition of rural character and noted that 83% of the people responding to the community survey in 2001 asked that the rural character be maintained. He would welcome new families into the community but does not want commercial development on Redman Road.

A gentleman asked about the power of this committee and Chairperson Connors noted that this is outside of the scope of this hearing and asked for additional comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Farley from 6965 Fourth Section Road has not been able to develop her ideas on this issue because she was unaware of the first public hearing and found out at the last minute about tonight's public hearing. She noted a sense of secrecy pervading this process. She noted that Mr. Cooley's arguments were well developed and she agrees with his assessments and ideas.

Mr. Bates from 69 Royal Garden Way noted he found out about this meeting from Supervisor Lester's letter in the newspaper about the comprehensive plan. He doesn't question Mr. Lester's opinion but the question ~~is~~ not where or when change or expansion is allowed but if it should be allowed. He continued to talk about controlled growth and expenses of town government, including the recreation budget. Mrs. Connors tried to steer him back to the

purpose of this public hearing on the proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan. He said that his comments are all related because of Mr. Lester's statement that the tax revenues need to be increased which go to support the budget. He questioned the super WalMart. He asked if the comprehensive plan addresses the size of new stores in our rural town. He suggested that this change would protect us from super stores. He also asked why control of Route 31 couldn't be taken, the speed limits reduced, post the Brockport Police to issue tickets, and not wait for the state.

Mr. Johnson from Redman Road asked if there is a quorum present tonight. Mrs. Connors answered yes. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight, whether for or against, because this is what government is all about—people being heard. He thought the people tonight were against rezoning on Redman Road and that there are petitions being circulated stating the same thing. He hoped that the planning committee is listening and if there is still a question, that the issue be put up for a public referendum. Mrs. Connors reiterated again that this is not a hearing on rezoning but a hearing to take comments on the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. He insisted that this hearing is about rezoning. At each meeting a little more information has come out about a proposal and the discussion has been about rezoning on two parcels on Redman Road. He wondered why it has to be address specific and suggested looking at rezoning without being address specific. He suggested a general statement to consider rezoning if it fits and works. He referred to a newspaper article that mentioned the possibility of rezoning from industrial to commercial on Owens Road and that would be a good thing because people don't want smoke stacks in their back yards. People on Redman Road, Canal Road and surrounding roads have some issues and do not want zoning on Redman Road changed to commercial. They have no problem if houses are built there. Two years ago a fruit stand was run off from Redman Road because of issues in running a commercial business there. The same stands now, the neighbors do not want commercial businesses in the area. The residents' issues are legitimate, need to be addressed, and an amendment for rezoning should not be address specific.

Chairperson Connors closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. She announced a five-minute recess and that the committee would be meeting after that time and the public is welcome to stay for the meeting.

Mr. Snell from 4555 Redman Road submitted a written statement.

After the public hearing, Mr. Cooley submitted his written statement that he had read. Respectfully submitted from notes taken by Karen Sweeting, Town Clerk,

Marleen M. Cain, Clerk