

At 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Pat Connors called to order a public hearing at the Court Room, Sweden Town Hall, 18 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 Update 2002.

Committee members present were John Brugger, Pat Connors, Dave Hale, Ken Reid, and Clerk Marleen Cain. Visitors present were Bob Getz from 27 Brook Terrace, Fred Parker from 8399 W Canal Road, Sandra Cain from 8045 W Canal Road, Mike and Nancy Montford from 8055 W Canal Road, JoAnn and Joey Pellegrino from 4377 Redman Road, Betty and Ed Daggs from 444 Holley Street, Sally and Robert Cottrell from 8155 W Canal Road, Ross Cooley and Jen Urban from 9056 Ridge Road West, Beverly and Francis McKinney from 16796 Fourth Section Road, Janet McKinney from 4415 Sweden Walker Road, Terry and Cheryl Cooley from 8023 W Canal Road, Heath and Susan Lesslie from 4545 Redman Road, San Lustumbo from 4475 Sweden Walker Road, Dale Carselli from 8241 W Canal Road, David Hawke from 8545 W Canal Road, Alden Snell from 4555 Redman Road, Eric and Mary Beth Johnson from 8121 W Canal Road, Susan Poole from Redman Road, and Elliotte Bowerman from the Brockport Post Newspaper. Also present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, and Building Inspector Bill Weber.

Clerk Marleen Cain read the legal notice. Chairperson Connors introduced the committee members present and the other members not in attendance. Mrs. Connors clarified that there will be no rezoning decision made here tonight. Rezoning is a Town Board process. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to hear public comments on the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Update 2002 as drafted by the Review Committee. The amendments include revisions to provide current information, reflect completion of tasks and show initiatives started since the plan was adopted in 2002. Clarification of the previously proposed commercial area around Aldi's is made showing Royal Gardens Way as the break between zoning areas. The owners of property on Redman Road had contacted the town regarding the development of their land and requested that consideration of this be included in the plan updates. Also, a recommendation to review the area in the town zoned industrial for possible rezoning and development is included.

Mrs. Connors then opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Carselli from 8241 W Canal Road is opposed to any rezoning on Redman Road. He is concerned about no shoulders, drop offs and increased traffic on W Canal Road.

Mr. Johnson from 8121 W Canal Road asked specific questions about the property on Redman Road and also what the purpose of tonight's meeting is. He read from an article in Snapshots regarding the comprehensive plan and stated that he would like the property to remain residential. He is concerned about drainage, water and watershed in the area. He moved to the area because it was rural residential and he does not want the town to cater to developers. He asked if there is a shortage of available commercial space in the town.

Mr. McKinney from 16796 Fourth Section Road, who owns land in the industrial zone on Sweden Walker Road, would like the zoning to remain industrial. He has been promoting the

land as industrial for 20 years and would like it to continue that way. Mrs. McKinney asked about the tax incentives listed on page 6-17 in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Cotrell from 8155 W Canal Road is opposed to any rezoning on Redman Road. She is concerned about the wetlands in the area and drainage.

Mr. Pellegrino from 4377 Redman Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road for the same reasons as previously stated. He is concerned about drainage.

Mrs. Cooley from 8023 W Canal Road has been a resident there since 1974. She is concerned about the impact of development on Redman Road on the total community. She stated there are accidents all year long on W Canal Road. She is concerned about the impact on the environment and supports comments made by Mr. Johnson.

Sandra Cain from 8045 W Canal Road would like to keep the property on Redman Road as residential.

Mr. Lesslie from 8023 W Canal Road is opposed to any rezoning on Redman Road. He is concerned about traffic.

Mr. Parker from 8399 W Canal Road is opposed to any rezoning on Redman Road.

Mr. Johnson asked again what the purpose of tonight's meeting is. He stated that there is strong opposition voiced tonight against rezoning the property on Redman Road. Mrs. Connors explained again that rezoning is a town board process and tonight's meeting is for comments on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Dave Hale explained that the town board rezoning process includes a publication of a legal notice in the legal papers for the Town, a referral to other agencies, a public hearing and then a Town Board decision.

Mr. Getz from 27 Brook Terrace requested that notices of meetings be published in articles with headlines on the front pages of the local papers as people don't always read the legal notices that are required by law to be published. Mrs. Connors explained that letters are usually sent to neighboring property owners regarding rezoning. Mr. Getz noted more than immediate neighbors are usually interested.

Mr. Getz questioned the terminology used in the first paragraph under Industrial on page 5-6. He was referred to the Village Clerk for clarification of industrial zoning terms and location.

Mary Beth Johnson from 8121 W Canal Road read and submitted a statement from Andrea and Christopher Ruggieri from 8107 W Canal Road who were unable to attend the meeting. They would like to keep things as they are. They are concerned about the privacy and peacefulness of the area, wildlife, property values and water.

Someone asked who was surveying the property on Redman Road.

Mr. John Brugger reiterated that this meeting is for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Rezoning is a town board process.

Several residents voiced the question as to why the option for rezoning is included in the plan, asking if there is a plan that is driving the change.

Mrs. Pellegrino from 4377 Redman Road asked why the rezoning option is being written in if there is no knowledge of anything happening on that parcel.

Mr. Johnson suggested that if the option for rezoning was brought before the public a year ago that the committee's time and efforts would have been unnecessary. He asked what the Town's master plan said about this property. It was explained to him that this is what this meeting is about. The amendments being considered tonight are amendments to the Town's and Village's Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan).

Mr. Snell from 4555 Redman Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road. He is concerned about traffic and that there is unused commercial land elsewhere in the town. He thanked the committee for their work and the clarification on the purpose of tonight's meeting.

Bev McKinney from 16796 Fourth Section Road questioned that if the possibility of rezoning from industrial to commercial is dependent on the extension of Route 531, shouldn't the rezoning wait until Route 531 is done. She also questioned why the development of the light industrial area on Transit Way isn't going well.

Mike Montfort from 8055 W Canal Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road.

Mr. McKinney stated that his land on Sweden Walker Road is zoned light industrial. There was discussion about the difference in industrial zoning types. Mr. Hale explained that it is zoned industrial, that light industrial zoning was not in existence until much later than when his land was rezoned in the 1960's. Mr. McKinney was referred to the Town Building Inspector for further information.

Mr. Pellegrino questioned what the procedure is after tonight. Mrs. Connors explained that the Committee will be meeting to finalize the amendments. They will then be referred to the Town Board and Village Board. The Boards will then hold a public hearing, the SEQR process will be completed and a resolution passed regarding the amendments.

Mr. Johnson questioned what the Committee's decision would be tonight. Mrs. Connors was unable to give an answer because the Committee has not met to discuss it. He asked when the Committee will be meeting and when the minutes will be available. The Committee will be meeting tonight following the public hearing. The minutes will be available as soon as possible.

Mr. Hawke from 8545 W Canal Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road.

Susan Poole from Redman Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road.

Mr. Ross Cooley who grew up on W Canal Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road.

Mr. Terry Cooley from 8023 W Canal Road is opposed to rezoning on Redman Road.

Mr. Pellegrino said that the neighbors are interested in the outcome from tonight.

A written statement from Nathan Montfort, age 11, was submitted. He does not want a mini-mall near his house.

A written statement from Mr. Terry Cooley was submitted. He listed the reasons that they live in this area and stated that he wants residential land kept residential and commercial development to go to areas that are already zoned commercial.

The public hearing was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Review Committee will start their meeting after a 15-minute break. An invitation was extended for anyone to attend and listen.

Respectfully submitted,

Marleen M. Cain, Clerk