

At 6:45 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on May 10, 2005. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of Local Law 3 of 2005 – Amendments to the Sweden Town Code, Section 175-5 Zoning Definitions – Family.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Buddy Lester, Councilperson Rob Carges, Councilperson Patricia Connors, Councilperson Tom Ferris and Councilperson Windus-Cook. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Building Inspector Bill Weber, Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, and Dog Control Officer Kathy Beaumont.

Visitors present were George Lloyd from Redman Road, Jim Hamlin from 50 Park Avenue, and Carrie Maziarz from 42 Adams Street. Don Shetler from West Sweden Road, Curt Conklin from 1215 West Sweden Road, Dolores and Fred Corell from Colby Street were present but did not sign in.

Supervisor Lester asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspapers. Notice was read.

Supervisor Lester then directed the floor to Building Inspector Bill Weber. Mr. Weber informed the visitors that the proposed definition of family is the same definition that the Village of Brockport adopted several years ago and was found to be sufficient. The Town is trying to stay on top of any situations that may arise; to manage any future uses.

Supervisor Lester then opened the floor to the public for comment.

Carrie Maziarz from 42 Adams Street asked what conditions drove the Town's decision to make the change to the current definition. Councilperson Windus-Cook responded by saying that the Town is being proactive based on the situations the Village of Brockport is currently dealing with relative to rental properties. Councilperson Ferris added that the Town did not want to "recreate the wheel". Since the Village definition of family is functional and the Town partners with the Village on many levels, the Town is creating consistencies with the Village of Brockport. Building Inspector Bill Weber stated that the Village of Brockport definition was a mirror image of the definition adopted by the City of Poughkeepsie. Carrie Maziarz then wanted to confirm that this was a recommendation based on prevention and not reactionary. Mr. Weber said that was correct. Supervisor Lester explained to the public that the Town would honor previous Certificate of Occupancies; the Town will not revoke any current "C of Os". The Town is going forward and this would apply to new uses only. Mr. Weber stated that with the situation in the Village, the Town might see a demand for more single-family dwellings to be converted into rental units.

Supervisor Lester asked if anyone else would like to place a comment on the record. There were none. Mr. Lester thanked the visitors for attending the meeting. The public hearing was closed at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk