

PUBLIC HEARING - DECEMBER 11, 2006 - 6:30 PM

THE ADOPTING OF A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO TREE CUTTING

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on the **Adopting of a Local Law Relating to Tree Cutting** was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Johnson.

Present were: Supervisor Mary Ann Johnson
Councilman Neil Allen
Councilman Percy Allen
Councilman Preston Allen
Planning Board members - Chairman David Cox,
Ted Mirczak & Jack Vaillancourt
Attorney David Avigdor

Absent were: Councilwoman Suzanne Denn

Supervisor Johnson waived reading of Legal Notice.

David Cox read part of the restrictions - the ones not under commercial tree cutting - to clarify the changes that had been made since the last public hearing. David Cox and Ted Mirczak are part of the committee that has been responsible for writing the proposed law. He explained that they

have been working to address the wording in the proposed law to make it clearer and easier to understand.

Ted Mirczak stated that the proposed law does apply in the Lakefront Area

a little more than in the Lake Front Residential Zone.

The following people spoke in favor of the proposed law:

Bill Pidgeon said he didn't oppose it as the guideline he logs by is the same as the one the state uses and this local law wouldn't effect him or any of the other loggers that follow the rules laid down by New York State. His only question was regarding the Code Enforcement Officers inspections. He would prefer to be notified ahead of time that the CEO was coming instead of the inspections being the drop in kind.

Steve Satterfield - Finch Pruyn representative - Mr. Satterfield commended the latest edition of the tree cutting proposal stating that it was much clearer overall now. However, he questioned the definition of tree cutting, Mr. Satterfield would like that clearer in terms of a catastrophic event. Examples such as forest fire, insect infestations, massive blow downs caused by high winds etc. that could make it necessary to cut more than 5 acres of trees. Mr. Satterfield would like to see the proposed law address this issue.

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Mike Gersten - Upland Forestry (representing old IP etc.) - mirrored Mr. Satterfield comments that there should be a variance for severe blow downs, also the salvaging of dead standing trees, etc.

Lee Hayes - Stated that he wants the Town to provide a certificate of Insurance from the Towns insurance company for \$100,000.00 since that is the amount that the loggers need to carry. The loggers also need written permission to come on private property to log.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:43 PM.

Carol Vaillancourt
Town Clerk