

October 25, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing on a Proposed Local Law entitled “Amending the Code of the Town of Warwick, Chapter 8, Community Preservation Project Plan.” Said public hearing was held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Michael Sweeton  
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo  
Councilman Russell Kowal – Absent  
Councilman James Gerstner  
Councilman Mickey Shuback

Town Attorney, John Hicks

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 3, 2012. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

Supervisor Sweeton – As everyone knows or may not know in 2006 the Town passed what is know as the Community Preservation Plan and that is essentially a three-quarters of one percent transfer tax on property transfers in the Town all to be dedicated to a fund for community preservation. Part of that legislation that enabled us to go to the voters was that we were obligated to put together a Community Preservation Plan. That plan is accessible on our website. It essentially looked at the Town and parcels that potentially, for various reasons, might want to see preserved if there was a willing buyer/seller relationship. In other words, if the landowner chose to preserve their land to be eligible to receive funds from the Community Preservation Fund they had to be in the plan. That map on the wall essentially illustrates parcels where you see different colored zones; over them those were categorized in terms of agricultural, wetland preservation, critical environmental areas, potential recreation areas and they were all categorized and listed in the Community Preservation Plan. For the first three years of its existence it could not be modified so if you weren't in the plan on day one for those three years you were not eligible. Subsequent to that adoption we've had several interested landowners who have farms or critical properties who said they would be interested in a land preservation selling development rights, not selling the land outright but development rights, similar to our PDR Program which was a separate bonding function which has been fully committed. That's the 3,000 acres that we already preserved. We now have the ability to add properties to the plan so tonight we have a resolution which is the process of how it's done by resolution and we have 10 properties who have asked to be included and we're here to listen to anyone else. The properties asked to be included are actually highlighted on that map in pink and they are adjacent in all cases to other properties already in the plan. That is the purpose of tonight's discussion and since it was published as a hearing I will open the floor for anyone who has any comments on it.

**There were no public comments for or against this public hearing.**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:30 p.m. 10-25-12**

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**Marjorie Quackenbush, Town Clerk**