

PUBLIC HEARING

July 27, 2022

At 8:45 p.m. Supervisor Schiliro stated that a Public Hearing, would be opened in accordance with the Public Notice that follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the North Castle Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 27, 2022, at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as practical, at Town Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Armonk, NY 10504, to consider a Local Law to amend Chapter 355, Zoning, Section 355-21 of the Town of North Castle Town Code to add additional restrictions pertaining to parking vehicles on lawns.

The proposed local law is available in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town website. ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE MATTER ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

By Order of the Town Board
Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: July 13, 2022
Armonk, NY

The Public Notice was marked Exhibit "A" for the record.

The Affidavit of Posting calling the Public Hearing was marked Exhibit "B" for the record.

The Affidavit of Publication from The Journal News calling the Public Hearing was marked Exhibit "C" for the record.

Letter from Westchester County Planning Board, dated June 24, 2022, was marked Exhibit "D" for the record.

Letter from Director of Planning Adam Kaufman regarding a positive recommendation from the Planning Board, dated July 12, 2022, was marked was marked Exhibit "E" for the record.

Email from resident Ed Lobermann, dated July 25, 2022, was marked Exhibit "F" for the record.

The Town Clerk noted there was an Environmental Assessment Form.

The Town Clerk noted there was a Negative Declaration for consideration.

The Town Clerk noted there was a proposed Local Law for consideration.

Councilman Milim moved, seconded by Councilman Hussain, receipt of letter from the Westchester County Planning Board, dated June 24, 2022, and letter from the Planning Board, dated July 12, 2022.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen DiGiacinto, Berra, Hussain, Milim, Supervisor Schiliro

Noes: None

Director of Planning Adam Kaufman and Building Inspector Rob Melillo were present at the hearing, and provided comments to the Town Board. Mr. Kaufman said that he drafted the proposed local law at the request of Town Administrator Kevin Hay.

Mr. Hay indicated that over the past three years he has received three to five complaints regarding parking on lawns.

Councilman Barbara DiGiacinto stated concerns regarding the visual impacts of parking on lawns and the impact that may have on the value of a neighborhood. She also expressed concern regarding the impact cars parking on the grass have on the curbs maintained by the Highway

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Department. Ms. DiGiacinto agreed that additional information should be gathered prior to adopting this local law.

Councilman José Berra and Councilman Saleem Hussain stated that there is not enough evidence to indicate that this legislation is warranted and they need more information to understand the extent of the problem and where it is occurring before imposing legislation which may result in the creation of another problem for residents.

Resident Ed Lobermann read the letter he submitted to the Town Board in opposition to this law.

Resident Nora Manuele stated that she does not think cars should be parked on the grass.

Resident Ed Woodyard stated his concern that vehicles in addition to automobiles, such as boats and campers, may be stored on lawns.

Discussion ensued among the Board; and it was agreed not to proceed with the adoption of the proposed local law at this time.

After all persons were heard who desired to be heard, Councilman Berra moved, seconded by Councilman Milim, that the Public Hearing be closed at 9:30 p.m.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen DiGiacinto, Berra, Hussain, Milim, Supervisor Schiliro

Noes: None

Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: August 4, 2022