

## PUBLIC HEARING

February 26, 2020

At 8:02 p.m. Supervisor Schiliro stated that a Public Hearing, which was opened and adjourned on February 27, 2019, would be reconvened in accordance with the Public Notice that follows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the North Castle Town Board will reconvene the Public Hearing on February 26, 2020, 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 the Code of the Town of North Castle, Chapter 325 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 325-58 Schedule XVI "No Parking or Standing Certain Hours"; Section 325-49 Schedule VII "Stop Intersections"; and Section 325-55 Schedule XIII "No Parking Any Time".

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: February 10, 2020  
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.

The Town Clerk noted that the following correspondence was received at the Public Hearing on February 27, 2019, and was marked Exhibit "D" for the record:

Letter from Antony Patti.

List from Donald Ahrenberg.

The Town Clerk noted that the following correspondence was received since the Public Hearing was opened on February 27, 2019 and was marked Exhibit "E" for the record:

Letter from John Junker, dated March 6, 2019.

Email from Mario Malescio, dated February 21, 2020.

Email from Kenneth Kauffman, dated February 26, 2020.

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

The Town Clerk noted that a copy of the Public Notice and the revised proposed Local Law were mailed to each property owner and delivered to each property address of all streets subject to the proposed changes.

Police Chief Peter Simonsen gave a presentation regarding the proposed amendments to the Vehicles and Traffic Chapter of the Town Code. Chief Simonsen displayed a map of the area of Grove Road, Palmer Avenue, and Rockledge Road; and indicated the preexisting and proposed no parking locations. The Chief stated that the recommended modifications to parking and traffic flow in the area were made for purposes of safety, with specific concerns pertaining to the ability of the North White Plains Fire Department to effectively access the area to fight fires in emergency situations. He said that he made several visits to the area and worked with the North White Plains Fire Department while they navigated the North White Plains fire truck through the area. The Chief said this particular Fire Truck is often used to fight fires in North Castle as well as neighboring municipalities. He used the ability of this truck to navigate, access and egress the roads in the area

as the barometer for all of the proposed parking restrictions. He displayed photos and provided details regarding the proposed amendments; including photos of the North White Plains fire truck on roads in proximity to other vehicles parked on the street in this area.

Chief Simonsen noted that in 1988 a previous Town Board had repealed the No Parking or Standing Certain Hours restriction on the East Side of Palmer Avenue, from its intersection with Reservoir Road to its intersection with North Broadway from 6PM to 6AM, but the repeal was not reflected in the published Town Code. He asked the Town Board to affirm the repeal, authorize the removal of the now covered no parking signs; and stated this area of Palmer Avenue will be open for parking, absent the snow ordinance.

With regard to a proposed stop sign traveling North on at Palmer Avenue at the intersection of Castle Heights Place, which would create a four way stop at that intersection, Councilman DiGiacinto asked if stop lines would be recommended at that intersection as well as the stop signs. Chief Simonsen responded that, it is more likely that people will be aware of a stop intersection when there are stop lines are also used, and they are far more effective in gaining compliance with a stop intersection. Councilman DiGiacinto said she has noticed inconsistency with stop lines in the three hamlets, and she asked if the Chief and Highway Department to take this under advisement.

Several North White Plains residents provided comments:

Residents including Kenneth Kauffman, John Junker and Edward Lobermann suggested that alternative firefighting vehicles could be used. Anthony Futia commented on the mutual cooperation and shared resources among neighboring Fire Departments.

Supervisor Schiliro commented that this is not the forum to debate Fire Department response decisions; and that his primary concern is for the safety of Town residents.

Ernie Aloï, Custis Avenue, expressed concerns regarding traffic safety in other areas of North White Plains.

Donald Ahrenberg, Grove Road, commented that he has lived on of Grove Road (at its intersection with Rockledge Road) for 45 years and there have not been any issues at this intersection and therefore sees no reason for the proposed parking restrictions at this time; and asked the Town Board not to adopt the proposed amendments for no parking on Grove Road.

John Junker, Grove Road, provided the measurements that he had taken on various streets subject to the proposed changes; and indicated he was not in support of the proposed no parking amendments.

Adolfo Vargas, Grove Road, asked if the removal of the oak tree on Town property at the intersection of Grove Road and Rockledge Road might provide for additional parking.

Kenneth Kauffman, Grove Road, commented that he was not in support of the proposed amendment for no parking on Grove Road and commented that the Town should make road improvements including widening the roads rather than restrict parking. Mr. Kauffman recommended the use of resident permit parking, and the use of signs regarding no parking when streets are snow covered as alternatives to the no parking amendments.

Judith Corticelli, Rockledge Road, commented that she would prefer that no parking restrictions be imposed, but would support them to ensure the safety of area residents. She said that she has no issue with the removal of the oak tree near her property. She requested that if Grove Road were to be widened that it be done on the side of the road which is Town property, not on the side of the road which borders her property.

Nora Kanze Manuele, Nethermont Avenue, asked if there could be parking for a short period of time on Rockledge Road.

Anthony Patti, Palmer Avenue, commented that he was in support of the proposed amendments for a stop sign on the intersection at Castle Heights Place, and in support of no parking on Grove Road.

Kristine Patti, Palmer Avenue, commented that she was in support of the affirmation of the repeal of the no parking restriction on Palmer Avenue in front of her property.

Town Board Minutes  
February 26, 2020

After all persons were heard who desired to be heard, Councilman Berra moved, seconded by Councilman Reiter, that the Public Hearing be adjourned at 10:40 p.m., and be reconvened at the March 11, 2020 Town Board meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Noes: None

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Alison Simon, Town Clerk

Dated: March 5, 2020