

A Public Hearing on Proposed Land Use Moratorium Extension Minutes of June 1, 2021

The Public Hearing was held electronically via Zoom teleconference beginning at 7:05p.m. hosted by Supervisor Mark Witmer

Attendance:

Supervisor Mark Witmer
Councilmember John Fracchia
Councilmember Tim Murray
Councilmember Cal Snow
Councilmember Katherine Goldberg

Recording Secretary:

Jessica L. Townsend, Town Clerk

Also Present: 8 members of the public

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Supr. Witmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:09p.m.

Ellen Harrison – Spoke in support of the Moratorium Extension. Is currently a member of the Review Board. Town has recently updated the Site Plan Review Law and without zoning regulations in place to back up the Law, it will be problematical.

Barbara Knuth – Spoke in support of the Extension. She served on the Land Use Task Force and is currently serving on the Zoning Commission. The Extension will allow policies and regulations to be carefully considered by the town residents, be revised if necessary, and eventually adopted. The Zoning Commission anticipates this time to duly carry out their duties, work they cannot do in a hurry. Plans to conduct opportunities to gain input from residents. Encourages the Board to pass the Extension.

Renate Ferro – Spoke in support of the Extension. The time of the Extension was recommendations by the Town Attorney and agrees that the Commission will need that time to carefully construct future planning of the town. Is proud of the changes in the town over the past 30+ years and hopes it continues in this direction for future residents.

Bruce Murray – Spoke in opposition of the Extension. Has served on the Planning Board, the Review Board and currently serving on the Zoning Commission. Believes it is important for the Commission to have the time necessary to develop Land Use Regulations, however opposed a lengthy 14-month Extension. Knows the work will take time but wants the residents have a chance to weigh in on what, if any, regulations are proposed is needed for the town. He acknowledged the Petition signed by over 130 residents to table any non-essential resolutions and local laws until open meetings resume.

Bill Podulka – Spoke in support of the Extension. He is currently the Chair of the Planning Board. He also worked on the Land Use Task Force and knows how critical it is to have a Moratorium in place constructing and developing crucial work. They should not be under a time restraint because the Moratorium is expiring. Glad that a Planner has been hired to help the Commission see this through.

Supervisor Witmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:24p.m.