

**TOWN BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2015  
7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. following a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine. Absent: Councilman Murray.

**CAMP LAGUARDIA**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the discussion concerning the development of the former Camp LaGuardia property.

Supervisor Jamieson said that finalization of the Town's Comprehensive Plan might limit zoning changes. The former Camp LaGuardia site lies within the O.P. zone.

He expressed concern about the limited access from the property being through the Town of Chester. If development were to occur in the Town of Blooming Grove the project would likely be tied into Chester roads.

Councilwoman Smith said she didn't want rentals.

Councilwoman Ranni said the development would create high density housing with non-ratables.

Councilman Valentine was concerned with the possibility of the units not renting as designed and the potential ramifications of that.

Supervisor Jamieson added that zones are in place for a reason. There shouldn't be any grey areas.

Councilman Valentine suggested a possible use for the property could be medical facility or medical arts building.

Councilwoman Ranni said permitted uses include office buildings, municipal buildings, fire stations, parks, museums, public schools, transportation depot, and research companies. There are additional uses that would require site plan approval.

Councilwoman Ranni stated Mountco knew the zoning when they put in their offer for the property with the County.

Supervisor Jamieson said you can't do SEQRA without the Harriman Sewer expansion.

Supervisor Jamieson said he would ask the Town Attorney to draft of letter of response to Mountco to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

## **PROPOSED BILLBOARD LAW REVISIONS**

Supervisor Jamieson said the Board is now in receipt of the latest update to the Town's proposed Billboard law. It will be discussed at the next Town Board meeting and could be voted on.

### **SOLAR ENERGY**

Supervisor Jamieson said he met with a company that offers a lease of property for the use of solar panels. It would be required to have 12 acres of usable land and a 20 year contract could be entered into with the Town receiving \$50,000 annually. Knapp's View is the property being considered. As it is a green energy project, Supervisor Jamieson thought it would get community support.

### **SUGAR LOAF STREET LIGHTS**

Supervisor Jamieson said the cost to the Town for 5-6 additional lights to be installed in the Sugar Loaf hamlet would be approximately \$100 per month. Supervisor Jamieson will ask the Town Attorney to draft a letter to the County for consideration of the lighting expense as it is a safety concern in and around the theatre.

There being no further business brought before the Board, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
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