

PUBLIC HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF ACQUISITION OF NATURAL LANDS OFF SALO DRIVE IN THE TOWN
OF ULYSSES

Town of Ulysses

July 11, 2017

Audio of the minutes are available on the website at ulysses.ny.us.

ATTENDANCE

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Supervisor- Liz Thomas
1st Deputy Supervisor- Nancy Zahler
Board members- Rich Goldman, Michael Boggs
Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato
Highway Superintendent- Dave Reynolds
Bookkeeper- Nina Thompson
Planner- Darby Kiley
Attorney for the Town- Mariette Geldenhuys

ABSENT:

Board member- John Hertzler

OPENING THE HEARING:

Ms. Zahler made a motion to open the hearing at 7pm, seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

Ms. Thomas introduced the town officials in attendance and noted the subject of the hearing, the acquisition of land in the Town of Ulysses for recreational and preservation purposes.

STATEMENT BY SUPERVISOR THOMAS:

“This hearing is regarding the purchase of 3 vacant parcels of land on Salo Drive—parcels 7.-6-1.1 in the Village of Trumansburg, and tax parcel numbers 11.-2-8.2 and 11.-2-11 in the Town of Ulysses, a total acreage of approximately 32 acres. The land will be used for recreational purposes for all residents of the Town of Ulysses (which includes the Village of Trumansburg). Purchase of the land will also preserve important wetlands and vernal pools, and protect a portion of Trumansburg Creek from development which will help to preserve water quality in Cayuga Lake by reducing contamination and sedimentation.

The land is appraised at \$74,000. The Town has offered \$50,000 for the purchase price--a cost entirely covered by a grant from the NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation.

The date of this public hearing was set by resolution of the Town Board on June 13, 2017 and a notice of this hearing was published in the Ithaca Journal on June 23, 2017, posted on the Town Clerk's bulletin Board and also sent to the town email list on June 30, 2017.

The purpose of this public hearing is to afford the general public an opportunity to make statements and comments about the proposed acquisition of the property. The hearing will remain open until all members of the public who are present at the hearing have been given an opportunity to make

statements or comments on the proposed acquisition. A public hearing is not a question and answer session. The Town Board is primarily here to listen to comments from the public, not to debate or comment on the subject.

Comments presented at this hearing will be taken into consideration by the Town Board when it considers action on this topic. The Town Board may take action tonight based on comments from the public.

Speakers should try to limit their comments to no more than 3 minutes.

If you choose to speak, you may state your name and address but this is not required, however please do state if you are a resident of the town of Ulysses. If you are appearing as a representative of an organization or governmental entity, please identify the organization or entity and state its address.

Next I will address some administrative matters by noting the presence of the following documents:

1. The Public Hearing Notice that appeared in the Ithaca Journal on June 23, 2017
2. Affidavit of Publication in the Ithaca Journal. [if you have it]

I would now ask speakers to raise a hand should they like to speak.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Rovitz, from 38 Salo Drive, commends the board for preservation of the land but has some concerns on how the area will be used. He inquired whether neighbors will be involved in determining this.

SUSPENDING THE HEARING

Ms. Zahler moved to suspend the hearing at 7:08pm, seconded by Mr. Boggs and passed unanimously.

CLOSING THE HEARING:

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Goldman made a motion to close the hearing at 7:15pm, seconded by Ms. Zahler and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato on 7/17/17.