

Bedford Hills, New York
August 3, 2010

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford to consider introductory Local Law #3-2010 amending Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Bedford regarding Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Funds, at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

Present:	Lee V. A. Roberts	: Supervisor
	Francis T. Corcoran	: Councilman
	Chris Burdick	: Councilman
	Lisbeth Fumagalli	: Town Clerk
	Nancy Tagliafierro	: Town Attorney
	Amy Pectol	: Receiver of Taxes
	Joan Gallagher	: Director of Personnel
	Ed Ritter	: Comptroller
	Ed Collins	: Lieutenant
	Kevin Winn	: Commissioner of Public Works
	Jeffrey Osterman	: Director of Planning
	Marcy Marchiano	: Asst. to Supervisor
Absent:	Peter Chryssos	: Councilman
	David Gabrielson	: Councilman

and approximately six (6) residents/observers.

Proof of Publication was presented and ordered filed. The public notice was published in the Bedford Pound Ridge Record Review on July 23, 2010.

Mrs. Roberts asked Town Planner Jeff Osterman to explain this proposed amendment to the Town Code. Mr. Osterman advised that this was the second extension of the Open Space funding and that the original legislation had been enacted in 2000. He noted that a public information session had been held in June and that there was support for continuing the funding for open space.

Mrs. Roberts opened the floor for public comment. A resident of Katonah expressed their support for continuing this legislation.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Burdick
Nays: None
Absent: Chryssos, Gabrielson

WHEREAS, the Town of Bedford, by Local Law 2-2000, placed a referendum before the residents of the Town of Bedford to authorize the Town of Bedford to create a capital reserve fund in order to finance the purchase of lands for open space preservation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Bedford in 2000 overwhelmingly voted in favor of said referendum to create a fund for the purchase of lands to be preserved as open space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Space Law, a Special Levy for an Open Space Fund was created, wherein the general fund tax levy of the town was increased by an amount equal to 3% of the general fund and highway fund tax levies was enacted, with a term of five (5) years and optional five (5) year extensions; and

WHEREAS, the special levy for the Open Space Fund was extended by Local Law in 2005 for a five year term ending on December 31, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, since the adoption of Local Law 2-2000 the “Open Space Law,” and its approval by the residents of the Town of Bedford, the Town has purchased four major parcels of land which will be preserved as open space; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bedford is of the opinion that the Town residents wish to continue to preserve lands as open space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bedford adopts introductory Local Law 3 - 2010 to extend the term of the Open Space Special Levy for an additional five years, ending on December 31, 2015, subject to a thirty (30) day permissive referendum.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Corcoran, Burdick

Nays: None

Absent: Chryssos, Gabrielson

RESOLVED that the public hearing to consider introductory Local Law #3-2010 amending Chapter 85 of the Code of the Town of Bedford regarding Open Spaces and Areas, Park and Water Protection Funds be closed.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk