

Bedford Hills, New York  
May 4, 2010

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford held a public hearing on May 4, 2010 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York to discuss the proposed installation of a sidewalk on the northerly side of Valley Road in Katonah. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

**Present:** Lee V. A. Roberts : Supervisor  
Peter Chryssos : Councilman  
Chris Burdick : Councilman  
David Gabrielson : Councilman

Lisbeth Fumagalli : Town Clerk  
Nancy Tagliafierro : Town Attorney  
Ed Collins : Chief of Police  
Kevin Winn : Commissioner of Public Works  
James J. Hahn : Town Consulting Engineer  
Jeffrey Osterman : Director of Planning  
Marcy Marchiano : Asst. to Supervisor

**Absent:** Francis Corcoran : 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 April 23, 2010.

Mrs. Roberts called the hearing to order and explained that this proposal was for the construction of 2,000 feet of sidewalk on Valley Road from New Street to Cherry Street, to include the replacement of approximately 700 feet of sidewalk that runs west from the intersection with New Street.

She introduced Town Planner Jeffrey Osterman, who presented the history of the sidewalk construction in Katonah during the last 20 years. He pointed out that the hearing had been noticed in the Town's official newspaper the Bedford Pound Ridge Record Review and that notices had been mailed to seventy-two (72) property owners along this portion of Valley Road. He added that the hearing was required by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as part of a Federal grant received by the Town of Bedford.

Mr. Hahn gave a slide presentation of the proposed project area and advised that no property could be taken for this project. He reviewed the steps that need to be taken for this project:

1. Public Hearing.
2. Finalize design report for the NYSDOT
3. NYSDOT – then gives design report approval
4. The State and Town authorize Mr. Hahn to do the drawings.
5. The Town of Bedford request funding approval.
6. This must be completed by September 15.

Mr. Hahn informed the Town Board that they needed to adopt a resolution this evening approving the difference for the funding of the project, between the grant money and the actual cost.

Referring to the slide on display, Mr. Osterman noted that the intersection of Valley Road with Cherry Street would be tightened up, making a smaller neck line into Valley Road from Cherry Street.

There were five (5) residents of Valley Road present at the hearing, who asked questions concerning the changes to the intersection, who was responsible for clearing the sidewalks after a snowstorm (the Town is) and whether sidewalks will be installed on the southerly side of the road (they will not).

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Ed Ritter, Comptroller, described how the remainder of the funding would be done by the Town of Bedford, noting that \$309,000.00 was the total funding from the grant, with \$241,000.00 to come from Capital project bonding and the remaining \$200,000.00 from existing infrastructure funds, bringing the total for the Valley Road sidewalk project to \$750,000.00. He added that if the Federal money is not used now the Town will lose the funding.

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

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

RESOLVED that the public hearing on the Valley Road sidewalk project be closed.

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

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

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the proposed construction of the Valley Road sidewalk as presented by James J. Hahn, Town Consulting Engineer, to be funded by a grant of \$309,000.00 from the New York State Department of Transportation, with \$200,000.00 funding to be provided by the Town of Bedford from the existing Infrastructure project funds and \$241,000.00 to come from Capital Project bonding for 2010, for a total project cost of \$750,000.00.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

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Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk