

Bedford Hills, New York  
November 1, 2011

The Town Board of the Town of Bedford held a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Code of the Town of Bedford Chapter 85 concerning the Open Space Levy on November 1, 2011 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

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| Present: | Lee V. A. Roberts | : Supervisor                   |
|          | Peter Chryssos    | : Councilman                   |
|          | Francis Corcoran  | : Councilman(arrived 7:35pm)   |
|          | Chris Burdick     | : Councilman                   |
|          | David Gabrielson  | : Councilman                   |
|          | Lisbeth Fumagalli | : Town Clerk                   |
|          | Joel H. Sachs     | : Town Attorney                |
|          | Jeffrey Osterman  | : Town Planner                 |
|          | Kevin Winn        | : Commissioner of Public Works |
|          | Thomas Polzella   | : Sole Assessor                |
|          | Steve Fraietta    | : Building Inspector           |
|          | Amy Pectol        | : Receiver of Taxes            |
|          | William Hayes     | : Chief of Police              |
|          | Edward Ritter     | : Comptroller                  |
|          | Joan Gallagher    | : Director of Personnel        |

and approximately one hundred (100) residents/observers.

Proof of publication was presented and ordered filed. The public notice was published in the Bedford Pound Ridge Record Review on October 28, 2011.

Mrs. Roberts explained that there were a number of possibilities being considered this evening by the Town Board:

- Suspend the open space levy
- Reduce the levy to 0.5%.
- Reduce the levy to 1.0%.
- Reduce the levy to 1.5%
- Reduce the levy to 2.0%.

She added that no decision would be rendered by the Town Board this evening and that the public hearing would be continued on November 15, 2011.

Mrs. Roberts opened the floor to public comment.

A resident of Old Aspetong Road noted that the issue of taxes is weighing on everyone's mind and encouraged the Town Board to suspend the levy for one (1) year.

George Bianco – Co-Chair of the Open Space Committee and President of the Westchester Land Trust felt the levy should not be suspended as did several other persons in the audience.

Several residents expressed concerns about proposed layoffs of Town employees in this time of fiscal difficulty. They felt that Open Space was important, but so were the jobs and the Open Space levy could be reinstated at a later time.

Town of Bedford employees that were present felt that the open space was protected and were concerned about the loss of Town jobs. They asked for the Open Space levy to be suspended for a year.

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

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

November 1, 2011 – Public Hearing - continued

RESOLVED that the public hearing consider an amendment to the Code of the Town of Bedford Chapter 85 concerning the Open Space Levy is hereby continued to Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town House, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York.

There being no further discussion the hearing was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk