

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 11, 2021 6:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Christian, Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Balistreri and Councilman Cipperly

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing to accept public comment on the proposed Introductory Local Law #1 of the year 2021 entitled “A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on the Filing, Acceptance, Review, or determination of any Land Use Application Pertaining to Two Family Dwellings and Multifamily Dwellings in the Town of Brunswick”.

Supervisor Herrington asked Town Clerk Lewis to read the complete Notice of Public Hearing into the record. The Notice had been posted on the Town Website, Town Hall bulletin board and published in The Record.

Supervisor Herrington opened the Public Hearing.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Katherine Romano, 15 Brook Hill Drive, asked if the proposed law was specific to multi or two family construction and if this would cover the area between Langmore Lane and Clums Corners along Route 2 which is below her home. She said there had been a plan submitted for construction on the parcel which included apartments. Attorney Cioffi offered that the proposed moratorium would affect that project, but the reasoning for the proposed moratorium was to allow time for the Town to review the current Zoning Laws as they apply town-wide, and if deemed necessary to enact changes. Whether or not any proposed changes would apply to that particular property is impossible to say at this time.

Kevin Mainello, 11 Heather Ridge Road, asked if the proposed law would impact live in apartments to care for parents or relatives. Attorney Cioffi advised that wording in the proposed Local Law excludes this type of “Accessory apartment”.

Fred Ring, 31 Woodward Avenue, thanked the administration for looking at smart growth for the Town. He also asked if the Town would be hiring a consultant for this process. Supervisor Herrington answered that we would. Since the recent Zoning Law has been in effect, a few questions have come up concerning certain sections which as written may not accurately reflect their original intent. Also some issues have come up that may not have been addressed in the new Laws. The intent is to look at the whole document, not just the multi and two family residence issues. If, after review, Zoning Law changes are proposed, there will be public hearings to allow residents input.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington requested a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Christian made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk