

TOWN OF MIDDLESEX
WORK SESSION – Draft Steep Slope Law

Minutes - January 24, 2013 6-8pm

Town Board Members present: Mr. Robert Multer, Supervisor; Councilmen Dunton, Gerbic, and Paddock

Planning Board Members present: Mr. Martin DeVinney, Chair; Board Members Gilbert, Lersch, and St. Lawrence

Zoning Board of Appeals Members present: Mr. Ted Carman

Code Enforcement Officer present: Ms. Dawn M.E. Kane

Canandaigua Watershed Association Members present: Mr. Kevin Olvany, Program Director; Mr. Stephen Lewandowski, Mr. Ted Carman, and Mr. Martin DeVinney

Public Present: Mrs. Betty Ferguson, Mr. Tom Hansen, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Komarek, Mr. Tom Fromberger, Mr. Leigh Williams, Mr. Jeff Frantz, Mr. Todd DeVinney, and Mr. Donald Santee

Work session began at 6:15pm

Agenda Topic: Draft Local Law (8/20 rev.) for Regulation & Protection of Steep Slopes in the Town of Middlesex

Planning Board Chairman Marty DeVinney opened the meeting with:

- Brief summary of current aspects of the legal process of “adopting a local law in Town Government
- Brief history of the draft law from a Steep Slope Model Law, recommended by Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council Land Use Subcommittee facilitated by the Genesee/Finger lakes Regional Planning Council back in May 2007 providing groundwork for surrounding municipalities on the lake to develop their own laws. Currently, the document under review is the Town’s newest draft Local Law (rev. 8/20).
- Yates County Planning Board’s recent review on 9/27/12 with the following recommendations:

“The Board encourages the Town to consider how the regulation addresses existing construction versus new construction acknowledging the different needs of the property owner/s i.e. ongoing maintenance needs versus building a new home. The Board suggests the Town hold a public hearing where a professional, well-versed in the subject of steep slopes, present and discuss issues through real-world examples. This will also give the public time, in a forum within the Town, to voice their concerns and work with the Town to develop an ordinance that works for most.”

A ‘Round Table Discussion’ developed with all individuals present contributing to ascertain “next steps” in drafting revisions to the Draft Law.

Topics of discussion: Town of Middlesex Local Laws that address development on steep slopes; comments and concerns from the Town Board, Yates County Planning Board recommendations; comments and concerns from the Canandaigua Watershed Association; and comments and concerns from local resident letters addressed to the County prior to their September review; comments and concerns from local residents present.

No motions were offered nor votes recorded.

A future date for the next work session will be announced by Public Notice and will be posted on the Town website: www.middlesexny.org

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:38pm
Minutes submitted by L. Lersch/Planning Board Secretary
Minutes approved on February 6, 2013