

**UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 21, 2019  
TOWN HALL 249 DUNCAN ROAD LAGRANGEVILLE NY 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Maas

Councilmen: Steven Frazier, Corrina Kelley, David McMorris, John Welsh

Town Clerk: Andrea Casey

Town Attorney: Jeffery Battistoni

Supervisor Maas opened the meeting and introduced the following speakers who would be addressing the Town Board and the public.

Ray Vergati, Regional Manager of Homeland Towers spoke about the details of the project summarizing what had transpired to date. Mr. Vergati noted that all the materials had been submitted to the Union Vale Town Board as well as the Beekman Town and Planning Boards and for public review.

Robert D. Gaudioso of the Law firm Snyder and Snyder representing Homeland Towers. Mr. Gaudioso spoke about SEQRA and other elements of the project. He then answered questions from the audience regarding specific areas of concern.

At 7:52pm Supervisor Maas asked for a motion to close the meeting and move toward public comment. Councilman Welsh made a motion at 7:52pm to close the meeting which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

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Supervisor Maas opened the public hearing and stated that the affidavit of Publication for the official posting is available any time in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Maas explained the rules of the meeting and opened the floor to public comment. She also offered that written comments will be accepted after the adjournment of tonight's meeting.

**Public Hearing Comments:**

Tara Langworthy: 19 Washburn Road, has several concerns and spoke about health issue regulations imposed by the FCC and asked for more research to be done. She is not in favor of the project.

Carol Ewin: 89 Mayfair, spoke about needing more due diligence in moving forward with cell tower regarding health implications and hopes this will not be seen as a one-time deal and asked the Board to do their own research on making an informed decision.

Gina LaMonica: 16 DeForest Lane, stated it was hideous and does not want it built. She also spoke about the effect on property values. She asked if it could be placed deeper in the park or elsewhere where it would not impact property values. She also asked that this public hearing be left open to review documentation.

Age DuShaj: 2179 Route 55, stated the value of her house will go down and is worried about the health of kids and pets and would like it put further away as there is plenty of land. She hopes the Board takes the decision seriously.

Amery Burnhart: 2193 Route 55, spoke about the basis of technology moving faster than the research and asks the Board to think of it from his perspective and has concerns about health. He also has concerns about the addition of more height possibly being added to the Tower in the future.

Eric Gallow: 17 DeForest Lane, spoke about the impacts of the tower and is worried and is considering selling his house and would like to know more about the impacts of health and asks the Board to slow down.

Dean Ferland: 31 DeForest Lane, is in disbelief that the Town would take deeded land that was for recreation use. He also inquired about other parcels the Town owns such as the old Town Hall site on Route 55.

Dave Ferland: 2146 Route 55, is concerned with the view from his property and says it will impact the scenery of the woods.

Paul Ackerman Wallace & Wallace – Town Attorney Beekman- Concerned with pace of review process and cited concerns from Town of Beekman residents. He is also concerned with the process of SEQRA and believes entities that were not included as interested parties and touched on other zoning issues. He would like the process to slow down and discuss resolutions and the Town of Beekman would like to be more involved with SEQRA and Monroe balancing test.

Kira Gorman: Chief of Staff for State Assemblyman Kieran Lalor, thanked everyone for their comments and explained she is here to bring the concerns back to Assemblyman Lalor.

Janet Townsend: 20 DeForest Lane, stated she lived there for almost 50 years and appreciates the ruralness and is concerned about impacting property values and negative health implications. She also asks the Town Board to slow down in their decision making process.

Aaron Bernhardt: 2191 Route 55, has concerns about health and stated the tower is too close to the homes. Would another area in the forest be applicable?

Deckland: 22 DeForest Lane, the limitations are 500 feet, the closest home is 506 and feels they were not getting enough respect as the tower sits just within the legal limits and noted he has no issues with dropped calls. He has concerns with utilizing the land and feels there is no definite assurance on the impact of health and visual impacts of the cell Tower.

#### **MOTION TO EXTEND PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Maas explained the plan is to keep the Public Hearing open for 2 weeks to allow for more information to be gathered and she encouraged all correspondence be directed to the Town Board. They will reconvene on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. It was motioned, by Councilman McMorris, to reconvene the town hearing on June 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm which was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley and all were unanimously in favor.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:27pm which was seconded by Councilman McMorris and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Andrea Casey*  
Town Clerk