

December 16, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Town Board was held December 16, 2011 at 9:00 am at the Town Hall. Present were: Supv. Thomas S. Hynes, Councilmen Gene Cronk, Stephen Walker and Allen Hinkley, Attorney Kevin Young and Delaware County Planning Director Nicole Franzese. Absent: Councilman Edward Raeder.

The meeting was called to discuss a hamlet designation map with certain concerned property owners for the hamlet of Grand Gorge approved by the Town Board in June 2011 and to discuss any other business that may come before the Board. Five residents were present: Dennis & Joan Moore, Charles and Cherie Serrie (representing Lila Conro) and Earl Krom.

Atty. Young discussed the background on hamlet designation since the inception of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NYC DEP in 1997 and the reasons why the Town approved them. Residents expressed the same concerns as in the December 8, 2011 meeting with being unfair that their property was chosen, clarity in whether or not 1997 properties could be deleted in 2011 upon request and no individual notices mailed in 1997 like in 2011. Atty. Young and Nicole Franzese explained that Public Hearings were advertised for the hamlet designation issue, however, no notices were mailed in 1997 to property owners because of time restraints and because the MOA did not require it. Discussion also took place on the clarity of the restrictions of selling to NYC DEP. Atty. Young stated that NYC's 2011 Land Acquisition Permit was amended at the last minute to allow for amending the hamlet properties in the 1997 designated hamlet area to be taken out, however, he still believes and advises that the MOA signed in 1997, which states that properties in the 1997 area cannot be removed conflicts with the 2011 Land Acquisition Permit and, as a precaution advise his clients to comply with the MOA. In any event, nothing could be changed until the next review scheduled for 2016.

Mrs. Serrie distributed an e-mail from Dave Tobias of NYCDEP regarding hamlet designations.

Dennis & Joan Moore, Charles and Cherie Serrie (Lila Conro property) and Earl Krom all requested their respective properties be omitted from the next hamlet designation review scheduled for 2016.

On motion of Gene Cronk second by Allen Hinkley the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Diane Pickett, Town Clerk  
Thomas S. Hynes, Supervisor  
Gene Cronk, Councilman  
Allen Hinkley, Councilman  
Stephen Walker, Councilman