

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 6:30 p.m.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Balistreri.

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing to accept public comment on the proposed Introductory Local Law #2 of the year 2021 entitled “A Local Law Extending 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 the Town Clerk 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.

Attorney Cioffi explained that the review of current Zoning regulations as they pertain to the construction of two-family or multi-family dwellings in the Town of Brunswick has not been completed as of yet. Though diligently worked on, no determinations have been made regarding any changes that may be made to the current regulations. The Introductory Local Law presented to the public tonight would simply extend the moratorium in order to continue the review process.

Supervisor Herrington opened the Public Hearing.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Mr. Joseph Durkin, 22 Maple Avenue, agreed that a thorough look at the zoning regulations was a good idea. His first house, before moving to Brunswick, was a two family located off New Scotland Avenue in Albany. He visits relatives in the area and checks out his old neighborhood and home. He sees it as an good example of how single and two family homes can work together if planned correctly.

Mrs. Sharon Zankel, 734 Pinewoods Avenue, shared some history of homes in here neighborhood where they had been converted from one family to two family and sometimes back to one family. This often would happen when a family had some spare rooms and needed the income, especially in the 20's and 30's. While not against them in general, her concern is that adequate off street parking must be required to keep streets from looking like a parking lot, and design should blend with the existing homes.

Alex Duggan, 70 Colehamer Avenue, expanding on Mrs. Zankel's concerns, offered that there should be a minimum lot size in proportion to the number of families in a unit. This would prevent a row house/apartment, would be more in keeping with the existing streetscapes and allow room for parking..

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington requested a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Christian made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk