

**Town of Hoosick
Public Hearing
Thursday September 18, 2014 7:00 pm**

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Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Bruce Patire, Jeff Wysocki. Absent: Dave Sutton

Public Hearing in Reference to: Family Subdivisions

Public Hearing Notice was published in the Eastwick Press on September 12, 2014

Surdam: The purpose of this public hearing is due to seeing for sale signs on multiple land plots on 478 Johnson Hill Road that is owned by a Mr. Boll, who went to the Planning Board and applied for a Family Subdivision that was approved on May 19, 2014. The family subdivision names his children and listing him as Power of Attorney. Once the deeds were filed at the County, Mr. Boll then put all the lots up for sale.

This is not what a Family Subdivision is intended for to put on the market to sell and avoid all of the procedures for a or major subdivision. In Mr. Boll's case there are multiple lots for sale that should have gone through major subdivision not the Family subdivision.

The Town Board and Planning Board all agree there is a loop hole in the Subdivision Law. We need to figure out how to remedy this section of the law or do away with it altogether. Surdam Has spoken with Mr. Boll and said he is willing to work with the Town on this issue.

Present at the meeting: Town Attorney Derek Sellman, Planning Board Attorney Stanton King, Attorney Bill Johnston, Zoning Board Chairman and members of the Planning Board.

Patire: by using the Family Subdivision you are skirting corners around a major subdivision and cost. Can't we impose a time frame before the lot can be sold.

Attorney Sellman: said it is illegal to put a time limit on any property before that person can sell it.

Atty King: One problem is that the Planning Board is taking the persons word with no further action.

Surdam: The landowner has 9 children and has Power of Attorney.

Bronnie Powers: said he only named 3 children on the application and there are 8 parcels with one of the parcels being the parent parcel.

Atty Johnston: The enforcement must be within the law.

Atty King, Town Attorney Sellman, Attorney Johnston: all said, one solution is to eliminate the Family Subdivision and have everything as a simple.

Surdam: Much work needs to be done before we know what will be best

Town Atty Sellman: will send a letter to Mr. Boll.

Local Law #1, 2014 Putting a 6 Month Moratorium on the Family Subdivision until the Boards and Attorneys can figure out a solution. Everyone agreed this must be done.

Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing

Patire made the motion, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Stradinger, Town Clerk