

Transcript of Public Hearing item #1, Proposed 14 lot subdivision on East Ridge Road in an R-1 zone. Applicant/agent Louis A. Carta. (Continued from 6/26/85.)

Chairman Gionfriddo:
Is there anybody else from the public who wishes to speak? If not, Jim and Rob?

Beatrice Roberts:
May I speak from....

Chairman Gionfriddo:
No, you are going to have to come up....

Beatrice Roberts:
I think ~~that~~ I could be heard from here.

Chairman Gionfriddo:
No, for transcript purposes you have to come up here to the microphone. I am sorry. The meeting is being taped, that is why. It has to be spoken into the microphone.

Beatrice Roberts:
I am quite sure that I am in a habit of being heard from a room as large as this for a good many years.

Chairman Gionfriddo:
Okay, I am sorry but.....

Beatrice Roberts:
I don't appreciate what has been going on.

Chairman Gionfriddo:
Can you give your name and address for the record please?

Beatrice Roberts:
Beatrice F. Roberts, 28 Hillcrest Avenue, Middletown Connecticut.

Chairman Gionfriddo:
Thank you.

Beatrice Roberts:
I had mention to some people whom I see here tonight, that I do not understand the way things are done in Middletown. I am not a (Middletownite). I had come here and have been here for the last 29 years. These things come up and I read about them in the papers and I read it very carefully. I never can find out just wher these people get their..., well, what will I say, their ability to do the things that they do and have nothing happen. I am amazed, literally. I rode by the so called development the other morning and I pulled up and stopped the developer, the man who was there told me he was Mr. Carta, so I assume he was the developer. I merely asked a few questions and evidently he didn't care about answering them because the reply that I got was, "This is a free Country." I grant you this is a free Country, but doesn't the freedom that we enjoy, the freedom to do as we please, to speak as we please, carry with it certain responsibilities to the other citizens in this community? I wonder. I think I found out a little bit about how the things work in Middletown, you get to be appointed to Commission. After you are appointed to the Commission, you get to know the other members and then all of a sudden, you decide that you would like to do something...withbecause you want to do it and it is a free Country. You have many people..., friends of yours on the Commission that probably are willing to help you out. In Washington they call it 'quid pro quo' or 'quo pro qui

Beatrice Roberts(continued)

whichever you have. If you help me, I'll help you. I don't know if that is what happens in Middletown or not. But, I certainly cannot understand how anyone would want to drain a pond and I understand the word swale has been bandied about, drain a pond and in its place build a swale. A swale, according to Noah Webster, is a piece of a small low lying stretch of land, a small meadow swamp or a marshy place, heavily vegetated depression. Frankly I'd rather see the pond. (Laughter from the audience.) We have had no reports of any infestation of mosquitos around the pond, marshy land certainly brings them. Thank you. (Applause from the audience.)