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Residents pleased to hear rezoning will not proceed

Mobile home owners feared being forced from Howell location

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HOWELL - Mayor Joseph DiBella told a group of residents who live in the Green Acres mobile home park that the property on which their homes sit will not be rezoned.

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The announcement drew applause from residents who were in attendance at the Jan. 22 Township Council.

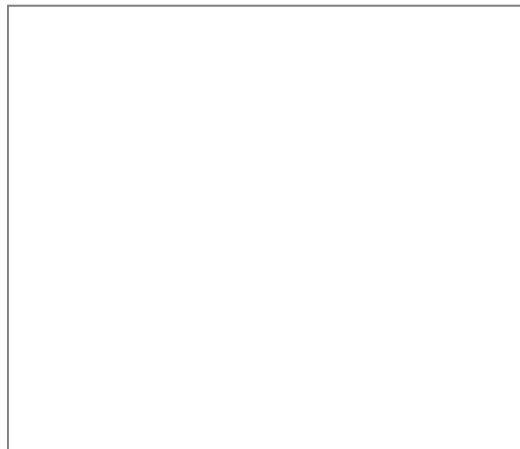
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The residents' concern arose out of an ordinance that was introduced by the council at West Farms and Snyder roads from mobile home park and agricultural rural estate community. The rezoning could have resulted in the property on which the Green Acres homes sit being sold by the land owner and the residents being forced to move.



Green Acres Manor is at 1 Snyder Road. The residents own their mobile homes, but r



During the Jan. 22 council meeting Di-Bella said the rezoning ordinance had a "code deficiency" and said it has been removed from the agenda which is being revised.

Upon hearing the news one woman told the council "thank you for not throwing us out on the street."

Resident David Dutton, who appeared before the council at the previous meeting when the rezoning ordinance was discussed, asked the council members to officially decide on rezoning mobile home parks as affordable housing.

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Township Manager Helene Schlegel address "There is a process that has to be followed. will have to fill out paperwork to qualify" a

Affordable housing as defined by the state i rented to people whose income meets regio established by the New Jersey Council on A (COAH). Municipalities are required to pro of affordable housing units.

Councilman Robert Walsh said a residentia simply be labeled affordable housing as CC

"There is a lot more to it," he said. "There a made for you or your neighbor. There is a p

income verifications, sales limitations and the owner of the park needs to agree" to th

DiBella asked Schlegel to research the matter.

Dutton urged the council to make an effort to deem the mobile home parks as afforda

"We just need to survive, we are barely surviving now. The only people that benefit i developers," he said.

Shari Williams, the state vice president of the New Jersey Manufactured Homeowner the meeting to show her support for people who own mobile homes.

"There are many mobile home parks that are under siege. It is scary for people with fi "Eminent domain laws give these mobile home owners no rights."

Williams suggested that Howell officials "should encourage developers who purchase AcresManor to uplift the landscape of [the community] and offer those residents low

She praised officials for addressing the situation which involved the rezoning ordinan park.

"You all have the opportunity to set precedent for the county and the state," Williams

Linda Hanson, administrative director for the Mobile Home Owners Association, was the council meeting. In a telephone interview Hanson said, "Mobile home owners nee rights." She said mobile home owners should be aware of their rights and not let them anyone.