

Madam Supervisor and The
Board,

July 28th, 2009

My name is William F. Manning. My wife Sue and I attended last months Town Board meeting. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, as a prior commitment will have us out of town for the day. While waiting for last months meeting to start, I was tapped on my shoulder by the woman who was sitting behind me. She asked me where I lived. I told her that I lived in Mt. Kisco. When I asked her where she lived, she responded "IN CHAPPAQUA". The inference being that she belonged there and we did not. It was then that I decided to fill out a card and address the Board. She also addressed the Board, voicing her opposition to the project.

I must say that I was quite impressed with the attention and courtesy that you and the Board paid to me and my comments. It gave me a comfortable feeling and the impression that the Board was truly going to listen to both sides of the discussion with an open mind. My wife and I still feel the same way as we did at the last meeting, that it is a win, win situation for all involved. For the people who will drive along a safer and improved Rt. 117 and Roaring Brook Road, for the Village, the Town, the School District and for the people who will be blessed to be able to live in such a beautiful development, including the Town employees, nurses, policemen and firefighters, along with their children. Also the senior citizens like ourselves, who live on a fixed income and have been hard hit by this current recession and who might qualify for one of the "Affordable" residences that are planned. Given the severity of state of the economy, maybe the Developer might even consider making more of the "Affordable" units available as an additional show of good faith to the community.

I feel that must speak out against some of the cold and insensitive statements made various speakers who were opposed to the project at the last meeting. We were not transported to the meeting by the developer. We had never met any of their representatives until after the meeting. We live only 2 miles from the front gate of the proposed project. We are not "OLD CRAZIES who will be speeding out of the gates and running over the students as they leave the school". I have been driving for more than 56 years without ever having had an accident or a speeding ticket. One speaker said that there had been 36 accidents on Roaring Brook Road in the last year. I wonder how many of these involved "OLD CRAZIES" and how many involved much younger drivers, maybe even students. For one of the speakers to say that the 11 children who are expected to reside within the community "should be dumped into the Mt. Kisco schools because Mt. Kisco can use the revenue" is out of order and insensitive.

Whenever we have the opportunity, we visit the Village, we patronize the merchants, we eat in the wonderful restaurants, or just stroll the quiet streets. We feel that Chappaqua is a special place. Would your business owners object to the new new business that would be generated by this project? Would the Town and the School District object to the additional real estate taxes that will also be generated?

When you and the Board sit to consider this unique project, Please continue to do so

with that open mind. Please look fairly at both the projects advantages, as well as its disadvantages. When you do this, you will come to the conclusion that this project before you does much more good than it does bad. This is the mandate for any Board, to make decisions that help the majority of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue and Bill Manning