

9/22/22

Chris Mathews

Town Supervisor

Town of Neversink

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Dear Supervisor Mathews,

I am writing today to share my point of view on issues related to the Town Board's deliberations that surround the Kerilands proposed development.

As I said in the recent public hearing at the Claryville firehouse hall, I am in favor of planned economic development in communities. Sustained, smart, economic development is the lifeblood of any community. It is the reason strong communities thrive, why people want to live in them, why their kids want to stay there. The local tanneries, like the one on our family's property in Claryville provided economic security for many in the area until it closed in 1879. It provided good jobs for local people, and a number of other businesses that fed off of those businesses and jobs. This area was world renowned as a hospitality destination until Grossingers, the last of the big resorts closed in 1986. Liberty, Monticello, and the surrounding communities thrived while these resorts existed and have been on a long, slow, ugly decline since...

In my view, planned, thoughtful, economic development in the Catskills will be good for local communities, good for the people who live in the communities now, and good for those who will move into the community seeking good jobs and a beautiful place to live and raise a family.

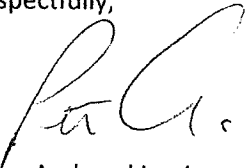
I also believe that post pandemic the Catskills can become, once again, a place known as a world class destination for those who want to vacation and share in the beauty that we know so well.

As it relates to review of the Town's master plan, I believe the Town Board should complete such a review regardless of whether it believes the Kerilands proposal has merit. I applaud the Town Board for its reliance on this document over the years and I have no doubt it has served us well. That said, I would submit that a lot has changed since 1991. Seems to me that it would be, if nothing else, "good housekeeping" to go through the process with community involvement and test whether the master plan is still contemporary and relevant in 2022. Maybe it is. Maybe it does not need to change.

At the end of the day the Town Board has a tough job. It should and must do what is best for the Town and all its residents while listening to and balancing the concerns of individual residents whose way of life would be affected by the approval of a proposal such as Kerilands. It must also be mindful of what makes the Town a great place to live today while also being strategic in terms of the best path for the Town and all its residents in the future.

I support and urge you and your colleagues to commence a comprehensive review of the Town's master plan as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Andruszkiewicz', written in a cursive style.

Peter Andruszkiewicz

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Town Clerk (Town of Neversink)

From: Deb Lewkiewicz <deblewk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 10:36 AM
To: Supervisor@townofneversink.org; townclerk@townofneversink.org
Subject: Please do not change the Neversink zoning policy!

Mr. Mathews:

I am writing to express my opposition to the request to change the Neversink zoning policy by Kerilands. Neither "option A" nor "option B" coincide with the vision or values of this community. My family and I have lived in Neversink and Grahamsville for over 15 years. We chose this community to start and raise our family because we appreciated the natural beauty and small-town feel of it. We have always had a deep respect for the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Board for strictly adhering to zoning laws that are meant to prevent developers from coming in and forever destroying the beauty and health of our natural environment. A glance at neighboring communities in Sullivan County is all the warning we need to remind us what can happen if we forsake our values and allow developers to come in and attempt to make a quick profit at our expense. Once those zoning laws are changed, we lose our ability to protect what we hold so dear. I beseech you not to allow any zoning variances. Please say no to this development plan; protect the community and the natural environment that makes Neversink such a wonderful place to live. I truly appreciate all you have done for our community, and I thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. Please share my letter with the members of the Town Board.

Sincerely,

Debra Lewkiewicz