

Letters to the editor - 6/18

Coalition on growth has good intentions

I have been a resident of Dover for more than 16 years. I support the positions of the Coalition for the Responsible Growth of Dover and its actions.

I might not have been inspired to state my solidarity publicly if it were not for a puzzling comment in a recent letter to the editor of the Poughkeepsie Journal. It was suggested that the Coalition for the Responsible Growth of Dover is essentially for no growth. It is a curious statement.

Everyone is for the development of the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center. No one could be satisfied with the deteriorating eyesore. This is not the case with many development proposals, against which a minority or a majority advocates for the status quo. Any of us has the right to disagree on the process - and on the form and extent of development. But we agree it is needed. To mischaracterize the motives of our concerned fellow citizens is unfair and polarizing as we begin a long-term effort. Indeed, the great strength of this project is the unanimity that action must be taken. We should be respectful of the good intentions of our neighbors.

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