

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 11:08 AM
Subject: Dover Knolls/Town Board Lead Agency

Dear Mr. Hawthorne,

Could you read or add these comments to the public hearing:

This seems to be an unprecedented action that is likely to result in law suits, which will take years to resolve. Dover Knolls, is seems has not acted in good form, taking liberties with the Town of Dover's zoning code, and failing to follow the planning recommendations of its own consultants, in regards to its development plans.

The Company has set a bad track record in other communities.

The Town Board, despite its probable good intentions of moving the project forward, is very unlikely to have the skills and knowledge required to make these awesome decisions.

The Town of Dover has a duly appointed Planning Board that is authorized to perform this function. Taking this action could result in serious embarrassment for the members of the Town Board, and allegations of misconduct.

There must be better ways of arriving at a compromise.

What advice does the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development provide?

I live in a neighboring community, Pawling, and I have served on the Pawling Conservation Advisory Board for many years, and on the Board of the Oblong Land Conservancy, where I am the Vice Chair. I am well acquainted with this region, and with planning and zoning issues.

Thank you for including my comments in the record.

Sibyll Gilbert