



Letter regarding tonight's planning board meeting and public comment period

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Dear Guilderland Planning Board,

I'm reaching out in my capacity as a Guilderland resident and representative for the 30th District in the Albany County Legislature regarding tonight's planning board meeting and public hearing on the DEIS for the Rapp Road/Western Avenue mixed use development plans.

I want to thank you first and foremost for the work already done to listen to and consider community voices, concerns, questions and opinions in this process. The proposed developments have the potential to significantly impact Guilderland and our county. This is especially true for my district which contains Westmere Terrace, Paden Circle, Rapp road and their surrounding residents. I've been fortunate to get to know many of our residents there and to have an ongoing conversation with them regarding their homes, streets and our town.

Over the past week, in light of the tree clear cutting done at the Lawton Terrace 'ghost neighborhood' area and with the public hearing being conducted through conference call tonight I've listened to concerns that keeping this process open and taking the time needed to hear and consider every voice may not be successful. I am sure you are aware of these concerns as well.

I know our town government works hard and succeeds in working to create a full and open dialogue with residents at our town board, zoning and planning board meetings. But, especially during this COVID19 crisis I believe we need to do everything we can to make this process a full one.

If everyone who wishes to speak does not have the chance to do so before the 11pm cut off time tonight, or does not have the chance to express their full sentiment and statements, I request and urge the planning the board to immediately or as soon as possibly can be done, hold another public comment period.

Thank you,

Dustin Reidy

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