

MEMO TO: Supervisor Weaver

Date: May 23, 2011

RE: Request for Public Hearing on a Draft Land Use Moratoria

From: The Concerned Citizens of Armonk

Dear Supervisor Weaver:

This memo and draft proposal (attached) comes to you framed in the spirit of collaboration, partnership and concern for the future of the economic well being and cultural integrity of the Hamlet of Armonk. As stated on our town website, our uniqueness and appeal lies in the fact that we have maintained our charming historic character while using the principle of smart growth to allow for controlled development. This balance has brought our community a diverse array of commercial establishments that are making Armonk a destination location. Modern Barn and North Restaurant, Cici Crib, and Mariani Gardens are just a few of latest examples of the reasons why our Westchester Neighbors want to spend time here. Long standing enterprises like Sheep Shack, Hickory and Tweed, Schliefer's Delicatessen and LaMer Seafood complement these newcomers. Although they provide totally different goods and services, what they all have in common is that they are owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs whose business model and values mirror that of our town.

The recent business development events place Armonk in a unique and exciting position. We have the opportunity to shape the future of our economic viability and maintain the distinctive character of our community while preserving the appeal of our commercial district.

The vehicle to achieve these goals is to enact a Moratorium. We have been advised that this process is a legal and commonly used methodology and falls within your purview as Town Supervisor. In fact, it is a course of action that Armonk successfully implemented in 2005. It is a proven approach that has been utilized by towns like Rye and Dobbs Ferry.

The draft proposal we have submitted outlines the conditions of the legislation which is necessary to address the best interests of our current retailers and our community. It gives us the moment to take a deep breath and deliberately and strategically analyze our future.

What we are asking from the Town Council is to grant the Commercial Business District of Armonk that opportunity. We are asking you to set in motion the necessary steps to convene a Public Hearing at the June 8th Town Board meeting that will enact a Moratorium.