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October 30, 2020

Council Members

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Dear Dr. Ackerman, Board President Tipp, and Members of the Chappaqua Board of Education:

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Lauren L. Levin
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Thank you for your letter of October 29, 2020. The Town Board attended your meeting on October 28th to view the presentation by your consultant, The Chazen Companies (Chazen), regarding their review of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) and the potential impacts of the proposed Form Based Code for the Chappaqua Hamlet on the Chappaqua Central School District (CCSD). We are also in receipt of Chazen's letter to CCSD from the same date, which included their analysis and recommended next steps.

Town Administrator
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We were pleased to receive these recommendations and are in full agreement with CCSD that these will be useful analyses to inform our collective understanding of the impacts of the FBC on the District and the Town.

We understand that the BOE will be meeting in work session next week to discuss your next steps. I would like to reiterate the offer that we made in our letter of October 20th. The Town's consultant team, led by Kimley-Horn, would be pleased to work with CCSD on undertaking the next steps associated with these recommendations. In fact, this is what they are contractually required to do, as per their agreement with the Town of New Castle: Kimley-Horn will be reviewing all comments on the DGEIS received from interested agencies and the public and conducting further analyses to support the development of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This will necessarily involve close partnership with CCSD to gather further data, review draft analyses, and include updated information in the FEIS.

While the District is certainly welcome to continue to retain Chazen, we would suggest that this is not a necessary expenditure and that you might consider leveraging our consultants. That said, please understand that the Town and our consultants will gladly work in partnership with Chazen, should you choose to extend their scope of work. We desire to have a positive and productive relationship with CCSD.

The Town was grateful for Chazen's closing remarks: "The SEQRA process, and preparation of an environmental impact statement, is designed to guide informed decision making. Commenting on the DGEIS is a key component of this process." We appreciate the desire to refine the analyses in the DGEIS, and we empathize with the District's concerns regarding the potential impacts of the FBC on CCSD and the Town. Please know that we are fully committed to addressing these concerns. We are following the SEQRA process, which was designed to elicit these types of recommendations, and we look forward to working with you to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ivy Pool". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Supervisor Ivy Pool
Deputy Supervisor Jeremy Saland
Council Member Lisa Katz
Council Member Lauren Levin
Council Member Jason Lichtenthal