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Attached please find my FBC public comment #7. Thank you. Ed Frank

# FOREWORD

New Castle, like the rest of this part of the country, was first home to Native Americans. The township was settled by farmers and then became part of the manufacturing boom that America discovered in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Descriptive street names still identify the places where farms, orchards, and mills once stood. Today New Castle, with its hamlets of Chappaqua and Millwood, is largely a residential area serviced by a large variety of small business, its history reflected in old buildings and stone fences of a bygone era, its beauty preserved in wooded parks and walking trails.

Chappaqua, where Hillary and I live, was established by Quakers in the mid-1700s, and the 1753 Meeting House still stands, one of the oldest remaining structures in the town. A century later, Horace Greeley, the famed newspaper editor and Democratic presidential candidate, moved there. His house is a museum that offers an interesting glimpse into the important times in which he lived.

Today, New Castle's inhabitants reflect the social, political, and religious diversity of America, with new immigrants from Latin America, Asia, and Africa living and working with people whose families have been here for generations. However, in spite of all the changes, the town retains the feel of an earlier era and its traditional values. The people are friendly. The schools are good. Life is organized around work and family. Children are everywhere, with lots of teams to join, parks to play in, space to grow up in. Hillary and I like living here, a place where past and present meet.

*Bill Clinton*



Bill and Hillary Clinton moved to Chappaqua in January 2000, after spending eight years in the White House. Bill now commutes to his office in Harlem.

The following is President Clinton's impression of Chappaqua upon moving to Chappaqua twenty years ago.

In the foreword to the book "Images of America - New Castle - Chappaqua And Millwood," President Clinton wrote "Today, New Castle, with its hamlets of Chappaqua and Millwood, is largely a residential area serviced by a large variety of small businesses, its history reflected in old buildings." "However, in spite of all the changes, the town retains the feel of an earlier

era and its traditional values." "Hillary and I like living here, a place where past and present meet."

Not surprisingly, many people moved to Chappaqua for the exact same reason, coupled with the CCSD for their children.

To replace the Chappaqua hamlet's feel of an earlier era and its traditional values with five story buildings, and to impair our history with five story buildings surrounding our Chappaqua Train Depot and Depot Plaza, both listed on the National Park Service as Historic Places, in my opinion is not likely what President Clinton had in mind when he wrote the foreword to the book.

Please explain how five story buildings, as presently proposed in the FBC, does not compromise the Chappaqua hamlet's feel of an earlier era and its traditional values, and how five story buildings do not compromise the history of the Chappaqua hamlet, especially its Historic Places.

Ed Frank  
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