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To The Special Board

I regret that I am missing this meeting. I have to say, that I was whole heartedly dismayed to see the plans that you presented for the Marathon property. They appeared to have totally disregarded several years of efforts of the Waterfront and Open Space working group, as well as failing to take into account data collected in a resident survey and in several community meetings. I still have all this information, and if I need to go back and collect it for you I will.

For the record, no where in any of our data was there support for the density shown in the presented sketches. If you really intend for plans for the site to reflect the voice of Village residents, you will remove the bulk of the houses shown. One of the recommendations of the committee was for a cluster development overlay. I sincerely hope that the board considers allowing land use solutions such as that, which will enable the developer to build the 10 or 11 houses he is allowed under the industrial zoning, while leaving as much of the property as open space as possible.

Stepping out of my role on that committee, and speaking as an adjacent landowner, I do not support its rezoning to residential. That will only open the door to far more density than the Village can stomach. I also strongly suggest that in your sketches, the four houses located at the end of the property towards the cove be removed and that land be designated to be permanently undeveloped and potentially donated to Scenic Hudson. If individual owners are allowed to buy those end properties, the landowners will inevitably remove trees and build tall houses to try to create their own views, and thus the Foundry Cove State Area of Scenic Significance will be severely compromised.

An additional message to Mr. Kearney and son who were observed trespassing on my property after the meeting last week. Next time, should they wish to visit or have a tour, they are welcome to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Judith Rose