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## Migdale Project

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To: compplan@washingtonny.org

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Hello,

My name is Nicole Leven (Libonati) I am at 133 nine partners lane. I've been in this town for over 5 years and I split my time between here and NYC, though mostly, I am here. I arrived to the meeting ten minutes early but didn't get a chance to speak. My hand icon wouldn't stay raised.

I support the development of the Migdale project for many of the same reasons that Rishi mentioned on the zoom chat earlier. Hospitality is desperately needed in this area. There are several private schools close by with nowhere for parents and visitors to stay. I have literally had people (parents) ask while out to dinner if I lived in the area and if my house was available to rent during graduation season. The need is DIRE.

I can't wrap my head around the issue that people are having with the location. You can't see it from the road, so how is it disturbing any pastoral views? The driveway is so long you can only see the road. Orvis is on 44 and the only time you see traffic is during the festival (this weekend) - why aren't people highlighting the similarities? The last time I was at Orvis there were several Bachelor parties taking place. There was no disturbance whatsoever. People are craving for a place to gather, wine and dine. Especially post-covid. I don't want to wait two hours to dine out on a Wed night locally. And while I love the other establishments in town, sometimes I want to take guests out for an elevated experience. Sadly, my options are limited to one place and often, they are booked solid. I also think about the antique shops and Juniper - boy would they benefit from increased visitors.

Migdale is exactly the type of change we need in Millbrook. It will bring new life, new jobs - local jobs - to the community. I find it funny that residents repeatedly mentioned that they would want to put a project like this IN the town. At the next meeting they'd complain about all of the people congesting the sidewalks. The lack of parking, lack of availability, the garbage etc. Migdale is the perfect location - just far enough away to be close, but not disruptive.

It would be a shame for a project of this caliber to go to another community. I know the type of work this team does and I feel proud that they chose our town. Change is inevitable and this is the type of change that newcomers welcome. I do hope they are considered to move ahead.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Leven