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Town of Washington Town Hall
Attention: Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals
10 Reservoir Dr.
Millbrook, NY 12545

Dear Millbrook Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals,

My name is Randy Reiff. I have lived in Millbrook for the last 19 years and my home is next door to the Mailmans' property in Millbrook. My home is built on appx 75 contiguous acres and shares a border of roughly ½ mile with the Mailman property. I wanted to take the opportunity to convey how excited I was when they shared the new pond project they are contemplating. I am an avid outdoorsman and an absolute lover Millbrook. That the Mailman's were preemptively buying the former Peckham/Arborio mine to prevent a potential 5-acre residential development was music to my ears even before I understood the details surrounding the pond. I cannot convey strongly enough my support of their project and want to be on record stating that - from my perspective - any near-term inconvenience associated with the large pond they have described, pales in comparison to the near-term AND long term-disruption associated with the potential construction and permanent existence of dozens of new homes in a large residential development. To say nothing of the ascetic, ecological and meaningful improvements to our area that would result from the pond development.

By way of background, I got to know Chris and Simone Mailman roughly five years ago, when they purchased my neighboring property – a large property which was also formerly owned by Peckham/Arborio. Since that time, the Mailmans have transformed a largely scarred and untended property into an oasis for wildlife. Former gravel fields were organically amended with cover crops, and their land resources manager – with whom I have also become personally acquainted – relayed recently to me that this year the organic content now exceeds the areas of virgin soil!

During the course of their efforts to rehabilitate the land, the Mailmans were in constant contact with me, engaged in regular dialogue about their plan, and were always available to field and address any questions or concerns I raised.

In short, the Chris and Simone have been impeccable neighbors. Thoughtful and admirably respectful in their consideration of my views and my concerns. And their love for the land and for this community has been an enormous benefit to me. Perhaps most impressively, they have protected and improved the beauty of our neighborhood, not just through complaining or campaigning, but at substantial

personal investment of both time and money. They, like so many of us, are committed to maintaining the rural beauty of the area and they continue to put their money and their time up to demonstrate and accomplish this goal. I have complete faith in them as neighbors and stewards of the land and the community and I fully support their proposed pond project for all of our collective benefit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Reiff", is written over a vertical line that extends from the signature down to the bottom of the page.

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