

To: Town of Washington Zoning Board of Appeals

Date: April 19, 2021

Re: Mabbettsville Realty of NY LLC, Application for Variance Gulf Station LED sign – 3820 Route 44

Dear Chairman Parisi and members of ZBA,

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the Town of Washington.

I would just like to echo a few voices that have expressed how this application does not align with our town code and more importantly the character of our town.

While I as a business owner appreciate the owners of the Gulf station wanting to “update” their look and simplify their process of displaying the price of gasoline; I’m not sure I agree this is the correct way forward by this sign change. Being the only gas station in Mabbettsville on Route 44, with the village gas station over a mile away and technically Route 44A; advertising price might not be as essential or necessary to their business as much as to stations on busier state intersections or interstate highway ramps would be. There is no price war type competition to worry about. They are one of our local convenience/gas stores and it is where we shop and steer our visitors and customers to.

As per the CAC Report March 15, 2021 this sign is garish in comparison to surrounding sign displays as well as creating a despairing precedence forward to the look of our town, and the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development’s report, April 2, 2021, clearly states that this application does not align with our code with their advice for a more reasonable solution for the ZBA and residents to review appears to be a better step forward for our community.

Attached are a few signs in that immediate area of Mabbettsville with the Gulf sign as well – it is clearly so out of place with the rest of the community and hope a solution can be agreed upon that better suits the town and the Gulf station owners.

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