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Mary Alex: If anybody on this call wants to speak, you need to use the raise hand function in zoom.

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Mary Alex: Once again, if you would like during the meeting, please raise your resume function of Asian.

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Mary Alex: One more time, if you wish to speak on meeting, please use the zoom raise hand function.

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Mary Alex: If anybody would almost get any time during the meeting you need to use the raise hand function.

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Mary Alex: Right now.

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Mary Alex: hi everyone due to the amount of people that are logging in right now we're just going to wait a few more minutes to let people log in and raise their hand if they'd like to speak at any time during the meeting.

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Paul Schwartz: Take your time.

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Paul Schwartz: Good evening everyone and welcome to the first forum to be held by the comprehensive plan review committee.

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Paul Schwartz: Our purpose is to garner the broadest consensus of our Community, as it relates to hospitality this endeavor is not a referendum on the development of the make Dale property.

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Paul Schwartz: To the contrary, there have been multiple properties in the town that have received similar interest.

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Paul Schwartz: The comprehensive plan specifically speaks to the maintenance of the rural and agricultural character of the town.

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Paul Schwartz: It is to that end that limited and managed hospitality is being considered the cost of maintaining the

current status is becoming a burden.

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Paul Schwartz: As seen in ever increasing real estate taxes hospitality potentially provides an income stream that could mitigate increases in real estate taxes and maintain our quality of life.

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Paul Schwartz: This This forum will be unit directional and we welcome everybody's opinions tonight's Forum will be limited to residents and taxpayers, thank you.

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Paul Schwartz: What do you want to start.

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Mary Alex: Through, and this is in no particular order everyone so i'm just going to start we're just going to pull a name and we're going to start it's going to be from the audience and it's going to also be as well.

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Mary Alex: On the zoom.

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Mary Alex: going to ask you to unmute your phone you're going to get a prompt on your on your screen to unmute your phone and it's optional at that point, if you want to.

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Mary Alex: Show us your face if you want to turn your video on that's that part is totally optional Okay, so the first person up is renee caster title.

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Renee Casertano: hi Mary Alex i'm sorry, is it possible for me to go on later I was i'm going to see the Florida my husband, but he's he's still unreal could I could we come in later on your okay.

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Renee Casertano: Thank you.

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Renee Casertano: Okay we're gonna do.

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Mary Alex: You have to come and sit in the chair sorry Stephen can you gotta get your camera.

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Mary Alex: On hold on second you got to state your name and your address, for everybody to Stephen currently living.

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Mary Alex: room.

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Mary Alex: and Washington.

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Mary Alex: And I am dressing too big deal.

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Mary Alex: yeah that's how I found out about this.

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Mary Alex: They tried to be pregnant about this, and when I read this research that's bad selling things and generally the planning board, you know.

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Mary Alex: is usually the tortoise getting these fans on the change, but they have certain thresholds, they have been you know, a couple of those or you know the availability and suitability about the properties.

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Mary Alex: We build.

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Mary Alex: yeah it's literally up the hill from town or village Washington aquifer.

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Mary Alex: You know, and from what I understand, since i've been here since then, since inside that tower hill has always had an issue with water.

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Mary Alex: And the sustainability now if you're going to build no don't know what they're going to build or you know whether they know what they're going to build, but if they're going to have.

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Mary Alex: Some sort of units there or whatever the one like to get an advantage well with again on the pump thinking a little suck that will drive so people, as well as an.

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Mary Alex: unpleasant 10 grand to go to the hundred 200 feet.

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Mary Alex: So, as far as suitability good it's not suitable now as far as availability would have been hands down, please welcome you know hospitality you get water we get sued availability, you know why don't we do something about it or trying to take your vehicle politics.

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Mary Alex: and give somebody a winning lottery they didn't say here we go we'll make this you know, wherever you want to be, you know going ahead with them, you know.

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Mary Alex: Like I said look with the standards first Borys third district making their decision.

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Mary Alex: There stipulation was that they could only build you know it out to the spinners and they wanted the people wanted 104 units to get up at seven units, and that was in perpetuity there was no changes so that they probably changed hands and go on in her something that's.

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00:26:44.610 --> 00:26:57.120

Mary Alex: It wasn't it that was what he could have so if this is going to be we're going to have this hospitality commercial for opening ourselves up to insurance and with the watchtower and Patterson.

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Mary Alex: 500 beautiful photo instead of the other pieces that says they're also doing the same thing beneficial the buying of apartments all long river and not.

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Mary Alex: You know, one or two buildings are buying entire complex, you know all that stuff comes up with excellence, so if you're talking about well, we have to do this good stuff that i've got an extra.

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Mary Alex: 32nd warning you know you're you're asking for for products, because if you if you if it doesn't die with the press one to change changes hands.

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Mary Alex: Then you're asking for somebody to come in and say, well, I have a permit to build a hotel here i'm building 500 units, you know if it is something that was or whatever the minute you say in a 500 units they gonna say well you're in.

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Mary Alex: luck.

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Mary Alex: It is your turn to speak.

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Mary Alex: Lisa Brown.

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Lisa Brown: hi there okay so i'm Lisa brown I live at 40 window road.

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Lisa Brown: north east corner of the.

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Lisa Brown: Town, and I have a few dogs alright, so my husband and I both wanted to offer this message and he's behind me.

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Lisa Brown: First of all, we wanted to say that we think the committee is a great committee and representing a bunch of different pockets of our Community, and we thank you for survey.

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Lisa Brown: And now, our two cents, we think we need to seriously consider how we mitigate the erosion of the tax base as retail and commercial tax revenues to the town decline.

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Lisa Brown: Possibly causing our taxes to increase We are particularly worried about the large agricultural parcels up for sale, that are not protected by the Duches Leah conservancy and can be divided up, we know by our peers to want to carry an increased tax burden on a large parcel.

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Lisa Brown: Our zoning in the rural areas is 10 acre so 100 acre parcel can be divided into 10 lots if this happens, the comprehensive plans goal of preserving the rule historic and Santa character of our community will be in jeopardy.

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Lisa Brown: So the question is, do we want hospitality businesses specifically short term lodging in the town which can generate revenue to help make up the shortfall.

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Lisa Brown: First, whether we want hospitality or not, we already have hospitality, in the form of airbnb one apartment on a horse property desk down the road from us operates as an airbnb.

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Lisa Brown: We have heard they're over 20 in the town, each with the least two bedrooms so short term lodging is definitely here.

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Lisa Brown: Second, therefore, we need rules and regulations that govern how these businesses operate in our town, and we should be collecting a town hospitality tax.

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Lisa Brown: dutchess county already collects a 4% tax on airbnb in our county many towns in our area are already addressing this issue, we are not alone, and there are many available resources now to help town sort this out.

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Lisa Brown: Third, we think boutique hotel businesses offer a solution to increasing the town's tax revenues and continuing to rebalance revitalization of the town.

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Lisa Brown: hotels would also offer a counterbalance to the airbnb as we don't want the presence of airbnb to grow, to the point where people are buying property.

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Mary Alex: Specifically.

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Lisa Brown: At airbnb eroding our housing base forth, we believe the structures of historical significance and character to the town and adaptive reuse should definitely be encouraged as long as it's self funding, thank you for allowing us to express our thoughts.

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Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Thank.

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You.

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Mary Alex: Next up did partial.

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Mary Alex: But you brought it up okay all right, thank you, thank you committee members.

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Mary Alex: My name is David partial.

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Mary Alex: i've been a resident of Washington seven road since 1982 and to several points to make many elements to review as you, the committee members, consider changes to the comprehensive plan.

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Mary Alex: Among them impact on the central infrastructure, roads and traffic patterns water sewage population density.

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Mary Alex: The MC needs an appointment.

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Mary Alex: Secondly, associated with that are the economic costs associated with each and all of those elements, most of all in my mind has been a long time resident of the town of Washington is the landscape and character of this Community.

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Mary Alex: The currently applicable comprehensive plan was thoughtfully constructed to preserve the landscape which, in my view, is central and essential to the minds bodies and souls of the people of this Community.

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Mary Alex: Whether those people in large land owners land due to the graciousness of landowners or simply observers and, by the way.

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Mary Alex: As an owner of less than an acre of land, I am most server says.

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Mary Alex: I urge this committee and the planning Committee and the zoning committed and the town board to respect the current comprehensive plan and to recognize that any changes to it.

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Mary Alex: booting for hospitality sites, not only in danger and jeopardize the core characters community but potentially destroy it.

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Mary Alex: Finally.

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Mary Alex: we'll all who are out there attending this meeting and i've seen many names on the.

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Mary Alex: On the site.

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Mary Alex: This is an important Community issue, I urge all of you to attend meetings express your points of view and, if your residents of the town of Washington to vote.

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Mary Alex: If you're not registered to vote do so it's easy to do through the Duches county Board of elections website.

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00:34:15.600 --> 00:34:16.830

Mary Alex: Thank you, thank you all.

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00:34:19.140 --> 00:34:19.620

Thank you.

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For being the first person under three minutes.

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00:34:41.850 --> 00:34:43.410

Mary Alex: Next up Kevin mcbrain.

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Mary Alex: hi Kevin.

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kevin mcgrane: hi sorry, thank you, Claudia good evening, my name is Kevin green I live at 3334 Franklin avenue I am president of the millbrook Business Association.

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kevin mcgrane: So many businesses have struggled to survive, even before coated to the many area residents who are trying to save millbrook please ask yourself how often do you shop or eat in our local establishments.

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kevin mcgrane: In order to survive, our businesses rely on visitors exploring the area, those who are able to find a place to say enjoy our wonderful restaurants and spend more time shopping I happen to own an airbnb guest suite and will tell you that almost every guest.

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kevin mcgrane: spends their days shopping and eating throughout the town and village and exploring everything that millbrook has to offer from industry to weathers field to the millbrook winery.

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kevin mcgrane: This is an example of why we need more rooms available in the area, whether it's through airbnb or by allowing a project like MiG towel.

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kevin mcgrane: Think of all the job opportunities that could be available to our local residents, both while developing the property and while running it when it is open.

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kevin mcgrane: Another added benefit, which has been discussed, is that the village and the town would be able to collect an occupancy tax, which would bring much added revenue which is needed currently dutchess county collects.

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kevin mcgrane: An occupancy tax for hospitality properties like airbnb many cities and towns are now implementing such attacks, why would we not want to do that as well, on behalf of the nba I strongly urge support of this improvement to the comprehensive plan, thank you for your time.

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kevin mcgrane: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Next up Andrew meanie.

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Mary Alex: myself.

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Mary Alex: hi everybody i'm Andrew on the President of Friends of the town of Washington or photo photo is an organization of over 400 landowners and residents.

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Mary Alex: Who was formed spontaneously in reaction to the mcgill project and concern over the Mikhail project, but our Charter is actually to encourage economic development.

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Mary Alex: That is sustainable and is consistent with the real character of our account and i've been lucky enough in that role.

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Mary Alex: Running photo to have spoken to hundreds of our residents about the big deal project about hospitality and I have found three major consistencies the first consistency is that no one believes that we ought to tear up our zoning laws, to the benefit of one project or one New York City.

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Mary Alex: Second, especially no one wants us to tear up the comprehensive plan, which was so hard fought over so many years was produced in a democratic manner.

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Mary Alex: And was voted on, as recently as 2015 people are very concerned about having that tampered with in response to the interest of one New York City developer, however.

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Mary Alex: The third consistency is that people are interested and open to the idea of hospitality, unfortunately, we have many opportunities for hospitality in the town, we have the cottonwood.

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Mary Alex: We have potential projects here in the village, these are reasonable.

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Mary Alex: And I think that's why Mr Gutierrez Miguel project originally had some momentum, because he told us, he was only going to build a farm to table restaurant and a boutique hotel.

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Mary Alex: Well, of course, we learn shortly after that that he had no intention of doing just that he wanted to build a housing complex.

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Mary Alex: And, as recently as a couple weeks ago he reached out to us said he wanted to tell us about his new and revised plans well his new revised plans may even be bigger than his original plan.

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Mary Alex: It includes 94 keys or hundreds of rooms 74 outbuilding slimming indoor outdoor movie theater indoor outdoor.

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Mary Alex: Sports and more and also he's modeled it on Blackberry farm, which is \$1,000 to \$3,000 per night.

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Mary Alex: This is an inappropriate project for our town, it is an unacceptable risk to our town and it's the kind of project that photo will never accept and will fight forever.

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Mary Alex: What we are interested in our reasonable ideas for economic development for for hospitality we're open to those we are at the disposal of the committee, if we can be helpful in that regard, and we thank you all for your your service to our Community, thank you.

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00:40:18.960 --> 00:40:20.310  
Mary Alex: Next up Pam Scott.

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Pam Scott: i'm Pam stop i'm at 238 North tower hill road, I just wanted to remind the group that increased development often does not lead to increases in the tech space.

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Pam Scott: That developers often get exemptions or consumer reduce taxes they have committed to pay this is what our neighbors and amelia are seeing silo rich.

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Pam Scott: And I think that something similar could happen here it unless we're very careful about our approach to development in hospitality area.

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Pam Scott: Developments on a large scale like what was proposed at mid Dale also can carry infrastructure costs which need to be very carefully considered as we think of.

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Pam Scott: hospitality going forward increase traffic increased demands on water increased demands on sewage that all of that needs to be considered as part of an overall approach to hospitality.

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Pam Scott: I also think residents don't have enough concrete information about problems with our tax base, we don't have any mega data analysis that will tell us well, what are the problems, what are the holes are there other ways that could be.

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Pam Scott: explored, other than increase development to improve our tax base, what about tax fairness, we don't know anything about exemptions that may have been given in the past that may need a second look now.

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Pam Scott: Finally, I think that we would be if there is a hospitality.

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Pam Scott: Provision going forward that we should be collecting attacks on our hospitality businesses, and they should be regulated, like any other town or business, thank you.

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00:42:29.850 --> 00:42:30.330

Thank you.

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00:42:35.100 --> 00:42:39.000

Mary Alex: Very done with your income, no, you only listening okay sorry sorry.

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person.

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00:43:04.380 --> 00:43:09.090  
Mary Alex: hi bill grab Stanford road ton of Washington know work.

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00:43:10.230 --> 00:43:11.400  
Mary Alex: With your number of years.

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00:43:12.630 --> 00:43:13.740  
Mary Alex: Close to 40 I guess.

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00:43:15.030 --> 00:43:17.760  
Mary Alex: I think that i'm still not a local until.

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Mary Alex: I think that it was my understanding that this this meeting was for considering hospitality within the plan and not necessarily a specific.

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00:43:33.870 --> 00:43:34.560  
Mary Alex: proposal.

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Mary Alex: However, I think that as we look at the development in a town, we all think we live in a bubble, that we need to protect.

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00:43:43.920 --> 00:43:59.550  
Mary Alex: And many of us have different ideas of how to protect that bubble, but part of that protecting that bubble is to be sure that we have businesses and tax bases that will cover the costs of running the town in the village.

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00:44:00.570 --> 00:44:19.770  
Mary Alex: And as we look at development on a larger scale, we need to look at what impact that development would have sometimes we look at numbers but, in reality, those numbers aren't really correct in the sense that maybe they'll have 100 visitors, but it would be 25 or 30.

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00:44:21.120 --> 00:44:32.820  
Mary Alex: Visitors coming through the the area, the employment that that hospitality could offer to our people in our town and are in Melbourne would be excellent.

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00:44:33.480 --> 00:44:43.110

Mary Alex: I think we have to look at look at the space of course farms take up know you can put a horse farm almost anywhere now, but nobody looks at the impact.

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Mary Alex: Of what that horse farm brings it brings vendors in it brings employment in it brings visitors in and it brings in tax income into the town of Washington.

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Mary Alex: We look at hospitality.

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Mary Alex: We need to look at the tax base that it would help generate.

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Mary Alex: Over time, so that we don't lose.

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Mary Alex: Our bubble and can continue to afford our bubble going forward, thank you.

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Mary Alex: Randy Ray you're up next.

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Mary Alex: sorry about that, before.

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Randy Reiff: I.

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Randy Reiff: think you guys hear me.

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Randy Reiff: Nothing more frustrating than talking to myself.

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Randy Reiff: realize you can't hear me, I appreciate the opportunity i'm just briefly just I think there's two different things going on, I just want to.

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Randy Reiff: touch on I think he has the opening to this meeting he said it's not a referendum on on the pixel project in general is obviously you know additional discussions going on beyond that, like so I get something up, but I think.

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Randy Reiff: I think you know enough i'm 20 years old now so that's why there are times are going to years and now full time.

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Randy Reiff: That there's a balance between obviously there's always been attention to preserve a aesthetic account.

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Randy Reiff: And you try to line them up as best you can with preserving the economic viability of that, though, so I think it's it's a bit organic the the notion of know hospitality because.

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Randy Reiff: You know any variable is packed.

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Randy Reiff: out.

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Randy Reiff: You know, we need some money in the middle, I think, shut down the speech or shut down the business.

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Randy Reiff: In general, well, it is mistake, I think there should be an absolute dialogue, and I think there's been some good points about the risks and considerations as a person who you know came from the city and cherished is that a computer it's not exclusive to find a.

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Randy Reiff: Happy some access ality and their concerns around that they need the address the address that should be interesting, and though this is not to be about mcdonald's.

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Randy Reiff: been referenced several times, I think we all know, there's some subjects on this call regarding that I think that what for a lot of this stuff the heck.

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Randy Reiff: I think that's a good thing, also when I first heard about the project I shared concerns about.

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Randy Reiff: Well, I believe, for residential aspect in terms of ramblers central obviously concern to me i've gotten to spend a lot more time to be revised revised moves because agreements characterized on the ball I.

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Randy Reiff: think you should trust us with you know talk to you right now, none of us really know that there should be

an opportunity to really review the revised cans that they stand, because i've kind of come around with them having having plugs directly.

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Randy Reiff: Randy thanks Mary see your face revised address some of the concerns that I originally residents are completely removed slowly project, not a favorite one all around ground where I was an expert in it, but I definitely want to hear more about both, and I think everyone.

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Thanks Randy.

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Mary Alex: Sorry.

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Mary Alex: My name is Andrew spence I live at 375 route 343 in.

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Mary Alex: And you know I know we, the Chairman schwartz's opening remarks that this reopening of the comprehensive plan isn't to address a specific project, and we all know that broccoli being make bail.

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Mary Alex: But to address hospitality, overall, and I think that the dressing hospitality overall right tax revenues, is a very worthy thing to examine.

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Mary Alex: But i'll talk about make now because I think it represents a perfect corruption of the notion of looking at tax revenues by a hospitality specifically we're talking about a large.

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Mary Alex: resort condominium destination development in the middle of an unused and otherwise previously unused area, and I think it has you know people are some advocates promote the.

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Mary Alex: The potential tax revenue associated with that at least the near term tax revenue, but they don't talk about the costs and there are at least three, there is the.

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Mary Alex: There is, of course, the damage the scenic beauty and the rural.

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Mary Alex: nature of the area, the other costs of course it's somebody some people have already cited is infrastructure costs we don't know what those would be they.

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Mary Alex: would be real, and they would likely be permitted as Howard Schumann identified his letter, which is published on the town website that and thirdly.

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Mary Alex: If the changes to the plan and ultimately changes are made, and they encourage other parties that this is a rezoning friendly area in this this special purpose.

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00:51:28.440 --> 00:51:39.630

Mary Alex: location would be 350 acres what's, to say the next special purpose area isn't 100 acres or 15 or 20 acres or 10 acres so we wouldn't have any zoning at all.

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Mary Alex: I think.

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00:51:42.570 --> 00:52:02.190

Mary Alex: hospitality, is a great topic for revenue generation, but I think in terms of the corruption of that notion via make Dale project we only have to look at silo rich and see how that's worked out for media, because we can see that town is thriving, at least not my eyes, thank you for.

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Mary Alex: renee pastor tonto.

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Renee Casertano: Alright, I guess i'll go ahead on behalf of our household so we live at 20 short road my husband Alex and grew up in the area, and I wanted to speak.

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00:52:31.440 --> 00:52:44.370

Renee Casertano: Generally, I actually have a urban planning background myself and I wanted to speak a little bit just about the in general terms about considerations around.

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Renee Casertano: Around adding hospitality uses understanding that it is not currently contemplated in the existing zoning code, I think that there are a couple of things that would echo from.

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Renee Casertano: Other attendees at this meeting around the potential to increase tax revenues which is important, the potential to provide gainful employment, which is should be a concern to everybody, but the the potential is around.

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Renee Casertano: accountability on an institutional level when considering the development, I think there is something to be said for hospitality uses where the the town has a lot more control over what it's developed, then, then a private



owner.

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Renee Casertano: You know, especially when when considering.

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Renee Casertano: Ecological impacts, I think there, there are a lot of ways to.

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Renee Casertano: encourage sustainable development in hospitality uses that you wouldn't necessarily have it, you know for residential uses, so I just encourage the.

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Renee Casertano: The committee to to look at you know the ways in which.

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Renee Casertano: The you know proposed developments can be required to really bring.

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Renee Casertano: benefits to the area and and mitigate any you know potential concerns i'm not going to speak specifically to make Dale though it is very close to our home.

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00:54:19.110 --> 00:54:29.340

Renee Casertano: You know there, there are a lot of encouraging things about the changes the the team has made and that's in response to this type of process, so I would you know just encourage the.

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Renee Casertano: wider group to continue to.

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00:54:32.820 --> 00:54:45.360

Renee Casertano: Look at how you know, allowing hospitality uses can really put a lot of control in the top in the hands of the town, and you know, to bring positive change to their yeah so.

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Renee Casertano: that's all i'd like to say thank you.

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00:54:49.200 --> 00:54:49.740

Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Next up Barbara or back.

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Mary Alex: Barbie Barbie you're unmuted.

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barbara ohrbach: Yes, i'm here, thank you.

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barbara ohrbach: My name is Barbara my little or back and i've been a resident is a town of Washington for 45 years.

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barbara ohrbach: At this point, after what has been going on these last months, I thought it might be a very good idea to remind everyone of the importance of the 2015 comprehensive.

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barbara ohrbach: plan and the significant part within it the vision statement vision, the vision statement is so relevant that is eight lines appear in their own block within the plan.

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barbara ohrbach: The introduction says quote this vision statement reflects the common values of our residents and expresses the ideal future that we hope to attain.

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barbara ohrbach: And then, it says, and this is the vision statement quote we envision the town of Washington will remain a rural community with great scenic beauty.

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barbara ohrbach: A healthy natural environment and a high quality of life for us residents.

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00:56:11.460 --> 00:56:25.650

barbara ohrbach: We envision protecting our town, by ensuring that are working forums beautiful historic landscapes water resources and natural habitats for our plants and animals are preserved for the future.

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barbara ohrbach: We believe in maintaining a vibrant and diverse local business district in the village of Melbourne and we want to maintain our historic character, because of its importance in preserving the look and feel of our Community and quote.

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barbara ohrbach: The comprehensive plan and its vision statement were written by the people of this Community for the people of this Community.

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barbara ohrbach: It was created by hundreds of us concerned and devoted residents, it took several years of hard work, countless meetings and months of discussion thoughts were sharing of ideas and efforts to include everything we could think of to protect this very beautiful place we call home.

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Mary Alex: And then.

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barbara ohrbach: into the future, whether or not this is moral, ethical or legal It is outrageous to think that a small group of people could be charged with tinkering with or amending this document, we are bound by it.

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barbara ohrbach: It is still relevant and clearly states the future wishes of the Community that created it in good faith, no changes should be tolerated without approval by each and every resident of the town of Washington.

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barbara ohrbach: Remember one exception, many exceptions and they are goes millbrook Thank you very much for listening.

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Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Take uncle.

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00:58:24.900 --> 00:58:30.720

Mary Alex: Okay, so good evening, my name is take couple 128 bangle road millbrook New York.

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Mary Alex: i've been a resident here for 10 years which surprised, a lot of me in the building.

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Mary Alex: A resident, but I do want to thank the committee for their time and effort and undertaking this review of the comprehensive plan that's really only been placed in jeopardy any question by one request to create into that plan, as you all know.

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Mary Alex: China Washington is a very special and unique place to live it to grow up.

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Mary Alex: And it needs to be protected, wants to developers come there's really no turning back I grew up in central Pennsylvania, when it was dairy farms for us and Cornfields.

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Mary Alex: And when I go back now to visit my parents it's nothing but hotels chain, restaurants and subdivision neighborhoods the green space is gone.

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Mary Alex: The creeks are all dead, because of the nutrient loading from all the subdivisions and it's essentially just ruin and that was caused by the short sightedness and for Community planning and i'd hate to see that happen here and that's why i'm here for that.

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00:59:39.540 --> 00:59:46.170

Mary Alex: I do not feel the comprehensive plans failing in any way it's really working as an as intended by the Community, when it was adopted.

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00:59:47.130 --> 00:59:53.310

Mary Alex: But if we wanted to add hospitality, it should be in the commercial districts in the village and within walking distances.

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Mary Alex: The businesses so they can be supported by such a hotel venture increasing their viability, increasing the property tax as in town board so they were concerned with in their charge.

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Mary Alex: Having a hospitality resort miles away from the village with the private our local businesses and residents have any benefits.

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01:00:15.660 --> 01:00:30.780

Mary Alex: Instead of be a burden stay on the infrastructure on the streets, we have streetlights stops on traffic, the natural resources ambient lighting noise dental loss of habitat and and wetlands.

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01:00:32.820 --> 01:00:46.080

Mary Alex: So you know I practice environmental law i've never put a hotel resort with their water and sewer right on top of the aquifer that supplies the drinking water to the village it's just that proven.

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01:00:47.580 --> 01:00:58.740

Mary Alex: To just include I don't feel the comprehensive plan any change to it is warranted, but if we want to expand hospitality, it should be in the commercial area down here in the village where it's connected to local.

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Mary Alex: Infrastructure, they could charge them for it to help the local businesses and not imposing undue burden on the town and residents, thank you for your time.

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Mary Alex: john pen you're up next.

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John Penn: hello, my name is john pen I live at 3657 route 44 and the town of millbrook ton of Washington.

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John Penn: want to start by saying i'm really.

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John Penn: Encouraged by the comments i'm hearing here tonight i'm hoping that the committee is listening to them.

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John Penn: Because I think what we're regularly hearing is that, broadly, we are all very supportive of exploring economic growth opportunities in our village, particularly around hospitality in ways that drive business to the village.

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John Penn: I don't think any of us support any cut type of development that is a destination style resort that's a.

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John Penn: One to \$2,000 night resort that doesn't actually drive business to the village what that does is drive business to them and keeps it on property.

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John Penn: Particularly not interested, also in these types of developments where subdivisions and homes and.

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01:02:22.800 --> 01:02:32.130

John Penn: outdoor movie theaters that are going to affect a large number of their neighbors so again i'm hoping the committee's hearing this and I think it's been said very, very well.

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01:02:32.670 --> 01:02:40.470

John Penn: Having these kind of this kind of development, our economic areas drives foot traffic downtown helps our tax revenue suggestions around.

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John Penn: collecting taxes from our be airbnb that already exists, I think, is fantastic and and I want to just finish with while this, it was stated by the chairman of this committee at the beginning of this that this is not about make Dale.

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John Penn: I need to note, Mr Chairman, that you then proceeded to fear monger around property taxes which you've done around the big deal property specifically.

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John Penn: And I think it's very disingenuous for for you to see this is not about me deal.

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John Penn: When, as the Chair of the zoning board, you said you weren't going to participate in the decision of this and leave it to the town board when you thought that they were going to support it.

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01:03:19.230 --> 01:03:26.700

John Penn: And when there was a lot of pushback to that you then push to be chairman of the committee to see about development in in our.

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John Penn: Our town of Washington, well, I find this particularly egregious is because you stated my actually have a financial interest in this particular development.

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01:03:36.660 --> 01:03:50.730

John Penn: i'm going to say that your participation in this Community, particularly as as Chairman, I think, is questioningly at the ethical and I think that you should consider removing yourself from this committee, particularly as the Chair and i'm finished.

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01:03:51.810 --> 01:03:52.200

Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Next up is Claire.

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clare: hi good evening, and I am resident at 157 bratty lane in the town of Washington and I don't pretend.

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Mary Alex: hello, can you repeat your address again i'm sorry.

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clare: 11157 bratty lame.

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clare: ready yes.

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Mary Alex: And what is your name Claire.

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Claire.

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clare: do both.

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01:04:32.520 --> 01:04:32.940

Mary Alex: Thank you.

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01:04:33.990 --> 01:04:39.180

clare: um I don't I don't sort of pretend to understand the full complexities or history of the comprehensive plan.

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clare: But I have shared a Community with well good are before i'm in New York City, so I just wanted to talk a little bit about.

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clare: That, I think everybody sort of in New York knew him as this, you know the number one restaurant guy but, as a fellow restaurant, we all knew him as someone who like sort of did the right thing I wanted to speak specifically.

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clare: To the people that he employed, he was very well known for taking busboys and sort of developing them to the top of the restaurant matter.

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clare: routinely people who we interviewed chose to sort of work at his restaurant over any other because it was sort of like getting a golden ticket in terms of the doors and education, you would get walking for him.

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clare: So I you know, I hope that if he were to to open McDowell, though, to be a similar.

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01:05:38.820 --> 01:05:54.900

clare: sort of sense of leadership and stewardship as he you know, in his approach to all of his employees and what i've seen having been on the inside of the restaurant industry with him in New York, as that he sort of always did right by his people, both those that work for him.

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clare: And those who shared his Community Thank you.

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01:05:59.910 --> 01:06:00.210

Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Next up Jesse Doris.

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Jesse Derris: hi thanks for for hosting this to the entire committee.

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Jesse Derris: I think it's a.

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Mary Alex: New state where you live, your I.

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Jesse Derris: Just wasn't sure i'm sorry.

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Jesse Derris: six nine to bang all road.

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Jesse Derris: Thank you um I, I think that it's important for all of us to remember well, first let me say we've only been in the town, for two years.

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Jesse Derris: We haven't been here for 40 we hope to be here for the next 40 we like a lot of the other young families on here are in support.

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Jesse Derris: of hospitality and continued economic growth in town, I think it's important for all of us to understand that, regardless of the fact that we all want the Community to remain a similar as it is today.

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Jesse Derris: And you know, in the decades to come, we're either going to play an active role in the development of that community or we're going to play a passive role and it's going to happen anything.

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Jesse Derris: We, for instance, live next to an active airbnb I don't personally mind it, but I do think that, especially with code we're going to see an increase demand for tourism in the area and we're going to see folks.

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01:07:25.740 --> 01:07:35.220

Jesse Derris: Buying homes and continuing to rent them out whether or not we're regulating we love what millbrook years that's why we're here.

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Jesse Derris: And there's nothing we love more than the character of the town and the fact that we want our two children to grow up in a place that feels like home.



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Jesse Derris: We don't want that to change, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be okay with development it doesn't mean that we shouldn't want a prosperous downtown it doesn't mean that we shouldn't want.

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Jesse Derris: Well, paying jobs it doesn't mean that we shouldn't want a large tax base i'm not a politician, I didn't organize some large group that represents a lot of the well off folks in the town.

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Jesse Derris: I can understand why that happened and I can understand why those folks want the town to stay the same, I just think it's important for the committee to understand.

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Jesse Derris: That the folks who are starting their lives here and are going to spend the next several decades, here, the vast majority of us were in favor of this and we're in favor.

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Jesse Derris: And the only other thing i'd like to say.

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Jesse Derris: Is you know.

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Jesse Derris: I want to live in a place that's looking forward and not back, I think all of us do.

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Jesse Derris: And I just i'm really thankful you guys are running this process, I hope.

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Jesse Derris: Even that you hear that there's this many people for hospitality and for this project in particular shed some light on the fact that there's not a one sided issue here there's very much a two sided issue, so thank you.

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Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Susan instead of susan's iPad.

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Susan's iPad: My visible hi everybody.

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i'm Susan.

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01:09:25.110 --> 01:09:28.710  
Susan?s iPad: Anyway, can I am now for the anecdote.

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Mary Alex: Susan.

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01:09:30.510 --> 01:09:31.230  
Susan?s iPad: Susan what's your exit.

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01:09:31.260 --> 01:09:37.380  
Susan?s iPad: Oh yes, Susan hassle 36 oxy road we've been here for 20 years.

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01:09:40.380 --> 01:09:55.170  
Susan?s iPad: Now for the anecdote my daughter, and my oldest daughter was engaged and we would love to have her wedding here and millbrook either it in this free at our House, but where did people stay.

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01:09:56.190 --> 01:09:59.070  
Susan?s iPad: The cottonwood close the millbrook in is gone.

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01:10:02.160 --> 01:10:25.290  
Susan?s iPad: The b&b blue bar and b&b we need some high end beautiful places for people to come we can do this in a tasteful way i'm not into housing development or dividing i'm a big environmentalist and would love to see the land stay as it as it can but.

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01:10:26.640 --> 01:10:35.280  
Susan?s iPad: We need to have places for people to come to stay here and appreciate it Thank you nice to see everybody.

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01:10:47.160 --> 01:10:54.840  
Mary Alex: Is there anybody else that would like to speak that resides in the town of Washington, please raise your hand.

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01:10:56.340 --> 01:10:57.000  
Mary Alex: In zoom.

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01:10:58.260 --> 01:11:00.330  
Mary Alex: Patricia Sutherland Sullivan go ahead.

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Mary Alex: Oh hang on Patricia hang on I keep pressing on.

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Mary Alex: so good.

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01:11:12.600 --> 01:11:23.730

Patricia Sullivan: Oh Okay, I think i'm unmuted now, thank you i'm Patricia Sullivan, I am at 4291 route 44 i've been here, probably almost 25 years.

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Patricia Sullivan: I think that I agree with a lot of people that are saying that when they spoke about MiG Dale as a boutique and it was small and.

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Patricia Sullivan: You know just you know with restaurants and you know some some rooms, it was very acceptable to a lot of people it's when they started adding the 30 houses, you know the cottages the 20 Clamping unit, and now the movie theater.

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Patricia Sullivan: I think that's what took a lot of people's breath away and will continue to when we talk about hospitality and millbrook.

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Patricia Sullivan: I agree with people who are saying that focusing on maybe having hospitality in the village, you know where people can get into.

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Patricia Sullivan: The town and enjoy our stores and restaurants, you know, focusing on development around that area is something that would be very acceptable to a lot, but it has to be on a scale of millbrook not.

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Patricia Sullivan: A massive.

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Patricia Sullivan: resort.

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Patricia Sullivan: And I think that's what really stops a lot of us in our tracks and start and we start saying no, you know that you know this isn't acceptable to us so.

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Patricia Sullivan: Please keep in mind the scale of millbrook the scale of what it should be not over developing doing it

in the right place.

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Patricia Sullivan: And then, with the other bringing.

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01:13:02.670 --> 01:13:20.970

Patricia Sullivan: Employment in stores into the village of millbrook you know I always say why don't they come to millbrook or why don't we have the traffic when people talk about red hook and Miller 10 in rhinebeck is our stores, you know why did someone who lives in millbrook.

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01:13:22.170 --> 01:13:29.010

Patricia Sullivan: Why is someone that lives in millbrook opening a store and amelia why didn't they do it in millbrook and i'm not.

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01:13:29.370 --> 01:13:44.700

Patricia Sullivan: saying anything negative to that, but well what was their reasoning to not do it in our town, you know, and I think we have to look at that is what type of businesses were attracting and if those businesses are something that will bring more people to our town to shop.

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Patricia Sullivan: So I thank everybody for their efforts and just ask.

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Patricia Sullivan: them, please keep in mind the scale of the town, when we look at our plans.

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01:13:58.770 --> 01:14:04.740

Patricia Sullivan: and avoid the development types like Miguel was looking to be because to me that's not millbrook.

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Mary Alex: Is there anybody else that would like to speak, please raise your hand if you are a resident of the town of Washington.

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Wait.

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Mary Alex: hang on one second we're gonna have we're gonna let Paul speak right now.

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Mary Alex: Okay, Paul go ahead.

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Paul Schwartz: So I want to thank everybody for coming out and for participating.

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Paul Schwartz: This there clearly are.

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Paul Schwartz: Is a significant disparity and views and we'd like to do is get everybody's input.

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Paul Schwartz: This is the first of a number of forums, we plan on putting together a formal survey.

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Paul Schwartz: If you look back you'll see that the last comprehensive plan was based upon a survey return of 600 responses and hopefully we can do a lot better than 15%.

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Paul Schwartz: You know, to me 15% does not really reflect the will have a community of 4500 having said that we're going to be as inclusive as possible.

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Paul Schwartz: If anybody has any specific concerns as I heard address tonight i'm more than happy to speak to them, either in public or individually.

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Paul Schwartz: Through my office, but I want to thank everybody again for coming out, and we really want to work together to make this work for everybody and everybody have a good night stay safe, be careful, the dutchess county dutchess county Department of Health has put out an advisory.

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Paul Schwartz: increased incidence.

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Paul Schwartz: Of covidien want everybody to be around and healthy so.

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Paul Schwartz: Well yeah.

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Mary Alex: Results there's a there's a person that wants to speak.

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Mary Alex: and

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Mary Alex: there's a.

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01:16:32.970 --> 01:16:33.510  
Mary Alex: there's.

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01:16:36.750 --> 01:16:49.830  
Paul Schwartz: A fit you know we we set up the rules and if their residents and property owners, then, absolutely let's let's let's get them in if they're not residential property owners, I think this isn't the forum for it and will they'll have their opportunity at another time.

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Paul Schwartz: well.

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01:16:54.600 --> 01:16:57.240  
Mary Alex: where's the property allows she has a.

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property in it was the dyson property.

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01:17:03.450 --> 01:17:03.720  
Mary Alex: And she.

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01:17:07.020 --> 01:17:07.380  
Mary Alex: Did you like.

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01:17:11.460 --> 01:17:12.210  
Paul Schwartz: I can't hear you.

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01:17:13.680 --> 01:17:17.160  
Mary Alex: eliza dyson is owns the what is the owner CEO.

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01:17:18.450 --> 01:17:21.210  
Mary Alex: it's funny it's Mr dyson don dyson.

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01:17:21.480 --> 01:17:32.220  
Paul Schwartz: You know, look like Andrew I don't want to play games, but, but I also want to be inclusive, so absolutely I mean you know let's let's be real let's be honest, but but sure why not.

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01:17:33.420 --> 01:17:35.910

Paul Schwartz: that's what we're here for we're here to hear everybody's opinion.

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Eliza Dyson: hi everyone Thank you so much, Paul for letting me speak I am an owner in the milberg vineyards and winery at 27 wing road, as well as the property across the street at 37 wing road.

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Eliza Dyson: I am also a lifelong resident I think i'm going to be at 45 years in the fall.

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Eliza Dyson: And I think it's so important what everyone has said tonight, and I wanted to thank the whole committee the comprehensive plan committee.

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Eliza Dyson: Because you guys are all donating so much of your time and effort on this town that we all love so we're all very appreciative.

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Eliza Dyson: And I wanted to highlight some things tonight that I think are incredibly important for us to think about, especially as.

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Eliza Dyson: business owners in this town, we understand it's vital that we have hospitality, but I think it's very important where we look at that hospitality and I think location is huge and I think scale is huge.

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Eliza Dyson: I thought it was so intelligent when TIM bbq pointed out that the vibrancy of towns like Miller 10 and rhinebeck are likely due to their common denominators of both movie theater and a small in writing.

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Eliza Dyson: And I think something right in the village of millbrook would be such a smart solution for allowing hospitality and bringing foot traffic into the town.

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Eliza Dyson: It wouldn't even really take a lot to do this, just for reference the Miller ton in has 10 rooms and the between arms and rhinebeck started with just 13 rooms.

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Eliza Dyson: And what they've been doing as they go along as they're buying houses, all within walking distance of the big one arms and just adding those rooms, as they go.

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Eliza Dyson: And I think that's something that we could model that we could really employ in the village of Melbourne.

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Eliza Dyson: And I think it's important when things are worded in the survey that there should be a clear delineation.

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01:19:38.190 --> 01:19:52.830

Eliza Dyson: of options for people to note, where they think it would be appropriate or not appropriate to have hospitality, the second is scale, there is a big difference in ripple effects to our town between a 10 room in a 94 key resort.

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Eliza Dyson: There, a minute.

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Eliza Dyson: resource traffic constructions and failure risks if we're worried about make Dale now imagine what would happen if McDowell plus 74 cabins would fail and the burden that it would be on the town.

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Eliza Dyson: hall think it's also important to note that a lot of the hotels, that will be Doris cited.

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Eliza Dyson: For example, wheatley is actually only 19 rooms twin farms is 20 rooms on 300 acres Blackberry farms is 80 rooms on 4200 acres.

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Eliza Dyson: Blackberry mountain is at rooms on 5200 acres so the scale of that is actually larger than any of the ones that he cited.

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Eliza Dyson: and on a much smaller property, especially than Blackberry farms, so I think we need to be really careful when we decide on hospitality where it should be how big it should be, and we shouldn't cause a problem for ourselves down the road Thank you so much for letting me speak.

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Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Sure, and I represent landowners along home free road and pots hollow road also open meetings or does allow those properties participate in public meetings, because environmental impacts, have no boundaries, can you tell me the names of the people that you represent sure along worth mere.

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Mary Alex: aligns itself, please.



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Mary Alex: Al di n w E ar Th and the ir.

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Mary Alex: Yes.

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Mary Alex: So, for the record, Charles got lead from a law firm whiteman oxman and Hannah homeland us Council for property owners along butts hollow road and home free road.

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Mary Alex: or owners that are directly adjacent to MC Dallas Thank you very much for having this very early.

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Mary Alex: Public input session i'd like to stress the importance of having these as the committee starts to develop some actual substantial potential changes to the comprehensive plan so.

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Mary Alex: Property owners have the ability to to comment on the same, I submitted a letter today, that was a letter from my office.

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Mary Alex: As well as a letter from Ted think our planning consultant who's a respected planner within the area.

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Mary Alex: Very briefly, some of the important items of 10s letter was the importance of public input.

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Mary Alex: The consequences of allowing hospitality should be considered by the Committee effects on housing demand effects on new commercial.

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Mary Alex: Adding new commercial uses to a rural area and the character impacts, the effect on town services that might need to be expanded commercial uses.

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01:22:53.280 --> 01:23:05.640

Mary Alex: In addition, our office reviewed the process that the town went through in 2015 there was massive Community input surveys, done a DG is done and environmental impact statement.

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Mary Alex: The town heard what the Community wanted and they acted.

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01:23:10.740 --> 01:23:19.410

Mary Alex: If you look at the survey results from those prior surveys that were done 94% of people voted and protect to protect scenic views.

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01:23:19.830 --> 01:23:30.060

Mary Alex: 86% of people voted in favor of using incentives for private land conservation 70% of people voted in favor of purchasing open space.

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01:23:30.450 --> 01:23:38.790

Mary Alex: 98% of people voted in favor of protecting water supplies and aquifers 90% of people voted in favor of protecting wildlife habitat.

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01:23:39.450 --> 01:23:52.470

Mary Alex: 90% of people voted in favor of protecting weapons only 23% voted in favor of expanding the amount of land for commercial uses that directly resulted in the copper your plans and play, and you have now.

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01:23:53.190 --> 01:24:06.390

Mary Alex: That holds you should maintain existing land use types which keep the town rural avoid infrastructure expansion into the town keep our roads rural inform use in appearance minimizing the impact of motor vehicles.

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01:24:07.350 --> 01:24:12.840

Mary Alex: This committee should do the same survey the Community have a lot of Community input and follow that Community and.

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01:24:13.380 --> 01:24:25.350

Mary Alex: that's the reason we're here today that's what the New York state town law says it was done in 2015 which is credit to the town, it was done in an excellent fashion, and it should be repeated.

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01:24:27.090 --> 01:24:27.420

Mary Alex: Thank you.

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Mary Alex: Thanks.

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Mary Alex: Douglas Cardio 597 burbank broke my wife phones quarterly Korean story.

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01:24:46.050 --> 01:24:49.140

Mary Alex: like to talk for maybe only two minutes of axes.

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Mary Alex: You might wonder why because all of a sudden homes apartments condos have been.

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Mary Alex: moved into seeds.

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Mary Alex: She is our Okay, he is are not defined by a 5000 square foot building sees distract from what's really going to occur, which is multiple use of property for apartments or condos for Clamping for lots of other facilities, I think we have a significant issue in front of us.

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Mary Alex: We happen to own a home in South Carolina that's in a very planned community.

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01:25:36.150 --> 01:25:46.920

Mary Alex: It had a hotel that was 100 that's now 400 it's gone through three different private investors, including, most recently it's sale.

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01:25:47.370 --> 01:25:58.440

Mary Alex: And it has 4000 keywords we knew exactly what we were doing when we bought that house, we knew all the facilities, all the amenities, and we knew exactly what was going to be built.

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01:25:59.370 --> 01:26:09.000

Mary Alex: The concern that I have as a resident here in Melbourne is once the process starts it's very difficult to pull back.

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01:26:09.390 --> 01:26:20.520

Mary Alex: So I urge the committee to take their time to really view this from a long term perspective, not just the one that's in front of us today.

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01:26:20.970 --> 01:26:27.570

Mary Alex: But as we've all heard, there are many properties that are now looking at this opportunity that's in front of them.

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01:26:28.260 --> 01:26:40.110

Mary Alex: And I think it's very important for us all to go ahead, take our time review this plan thoroughly and look out 510 years 1520 what we have heard this evening, in fact.

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01:26:40.440 --> 01:26:54.120

Mary Alex: Was that most of the individuals that spoke have been here 20 years or 30 years, so I hope that they committee and i'm sure they will will think out 30 and 40 years into the future of what Melbourne will look like thank you very much.

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01:27:12.180 --> 01:27:12.990

Mary Alex: hey Paul you're back.

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01:27:14.520 --> 01:27:23.880

Paul Schwartz: Again, I want to thank everybody for participating, I think that everyone's input is not only welcome, but is important again the.

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01:27:25.380 --> 01:27:38.790

Paul Schwartz: A comprehensive plan that was quoted by Mr gottlieb was if he looks at the numbers was based upon 600 respondents i'd like to get 4500 respondents to a survey, so that we can really get a good cross section of the Community.

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01:27:40.020 --> 01:27:53.640

Paul Schwartz: As far as other comments that were made, as I said, i'm more than available for for for interaction, either on public setting or privately and I wish everyone a good night and stay safe well.

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Mary Alex: Sorry, we have one more and then that's it after he's done that's it because I missed him before it's I believe it's only Thor, this is the last one, and then, after this we're going to say goodnight.

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01:28:10.140 --> 01:28:12.480

othorne: yeah sorry apologies I didn't know that.

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01:28:12.810 --> 01:28:14.190

Mary Alex: There you go okay yeah.

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01:28:14.280 --> 01:28:25.290

othorne: My apologies I didn't want to go during the time for the resonance of the town of Washington, because I made the mistake of moving egomania a couple years ago and I don't live in the town of Washington, but I am a landowner in the town of Washington.

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01:28:26.970 --> 01:28:32.820

othorne: My family's been around the town for about 250 years.

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othorne: My father is a founder of the Duches land conservancy I was on the debtor slam conservancy board we've spent millions of dollars trying to keep land open in their community.

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othorne: We fought the hundred residents development that was proposed at Bennett about a decade ago won that fight, so I think you know our bona fide ease in terms of interest in keeping land open are pretty strong.

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01:29:00.480 --> 01:29:08.460

othorne: But we're not opposed to hospitality and i'm going to go through a couple reasons why first thing that really supports our Community is recreation.

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othorne: it's not farming farming, we have is recreational it's either rich people letting farmers farm their land for free, which is subsidizing it, which is great or it's rich people that farming for fun.

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01:29:22.560 --> 01:29:33.870

othorne: What keeps the land open is recreation fox hunting the shooting preserves we have in the neighborhood the F1 events like the mobile course trials, we just had, and I could go on and on.

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01:29:34.830 --> 01:29:39.960

othorne: that's the way Melbourne it's been since about 1890 when the first ends and largest states were built.

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01:29:40.950 --> 01:29:50.490

othorne: In over that period, the last hundred and 30 years we've had a lot of hospitality in the Community Bennett itself was a hospitality, we had the cottonwood to deliver and the ultimate.

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01:29:51.180 --> 01:30:03.390

othorne: wasn't in the milberg in etc, and that hospitality did not ruin our Community we're in favor of the right kind of hospitality, which is near a hammock or village.

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01:30:05.190 --> 01:30:12.480

othorne: That creates the economic incentive to keep land open, and that is relatively limited.

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01:30:13.980 --> 01:30:22.140

othorne: Now, the purpose of this meeting is not to talk about a specific site so i'm not going to talk about a specific site it's a talk about hospitality generally.

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01:30:23.160 --> 01:30:32.340

othorne: yeah we talked about a lot of issues facing the ability or the town rather you know one way to make sure you make you Okay, thank you me.

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othorne: One way to make sure you lose open land is to have your property taxes going up so low impact our project that would decrease pressure on property taxes would probably help.

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01:30:44.790 --> 01:30:51.450

othorne: Keep land open in the Community and also say that you know when I was young Bennett college was in Melbourne.

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01:30:51.840 --> 01:31:06.540

othorne: In Franklin avenue thrive their shops up and down, we had hotels, we had restaurants when Bennett closed know brooke went into remission and it's been a long recovery, we finally back where we're about to be able to attract a reasonably good a good hotel.

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01:31:07.560 --> 01:31:18.300

othorne: That will help our recreational economy, and we want to shoot it in the foot, so I think people should think about that long and hard you know before they fight this project now.

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01:31:19.680 --> 01:31:21.570

othorne: i'm gonna shut up sorry Mary i'm done.

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01:31:25.650 --> 01:31:27.300

Mary Alex: What did I do I.

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01:31:28.920 --> 01:31:29.880

Mary Alex: just wanted to get married.

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01:31:33.870 --> 01:31:38.070

Mary Alex: Alright that's it that's the conclusion and tonight's meeting thanks everyone.

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01:31:40.140 --> 01:31:42.780

Mary Alex: for doing this very, very good Aaron Aaron.