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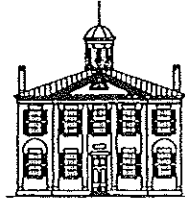
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Ms. Gail Wolanin-Young
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48 Genesee Street
New Hartford, NY 13413

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SUB

**Re: Proposed Zone Map Amendments
Various parcels fronting Seneca Turnpike near Woods Highway
Planned Development Park (PDP) to Planned Development Mixed Use (PDMU)
Planned Development Park (PDP) to Planned Highway Business (PWB)**

Dear Ms. Wolanin-Young:

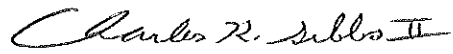
Thank you for providing the Town of Whitestown with the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Town of New Hartford zoning along Seneca Turnpike near Woods Highway. Having reviewed the information that was furnished by your office on February 15, 2012, I offer the following comments on behalf of our Town Board:

1. Traffic impacts – while zoning itself does not create traffic, it does promote development opportunities that will generate traffic. It appears from the information supplied by your office that the primary beneficiary of the zoning change will be retail development. We are concerned that by expanding your retail corridor, traffic congestion will increase along the already highly congested Seneca Turnpike/Jay-K intersection area. This in turn will force drivers to find alternate travel routes that will likely lead to local roads in the Town of Whitestown. We have already seen evidence of this along Clinton Street, Clinton Road, Henderson Street, and Clark Mills Road as travelers try to avoid the congested Commercial Drive area. We anticipate that this condition will only get worse and that there will be a resulting cost to Whitestown taxpayers (i.e.: public safety, traffic control, road repairs, etc...). In particular, we are concerned that Woods Highway will become an alternate route for west bound travelers trying to get on NYS Rout 840.
2. Budgets are tight and with limited state and county resources, we are concerned that the proposed change in zoning will result in retail development that will require an increased demand for regional services (i.e.: State Police and County Sherriff patrols, increase repair/maintenance of state/county roads due to increased traffic volume, etc...) that would end up being shifted from other areas of the region with existing needs.

Should your office have any questions or need clarification on our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Town of Whitestown



Charles R. Gibbs, II
Town Supervisor

cc: Town Board
Town Clerk
Town Attorney
Town Planning Board