

Town of Gorham

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Comments to the Town of Canandaigua Regarding the Canandaigua Shores Project

The Town of Gorham thanks the Town of Canandaigua for the opportunity to offer comments regarding the proposed project known as Canandaigua Shores.

We know that the Town of Canandaigua has overseen many developments over the years and therefore has a great amount of experience dealing with the issues associated with this project even with its close proximity to the lake and trust that you will address them to the greatest degree possible. We probably have many of the same concerns, and here are those that we feel will be of the utmost importance.

1. Runoff and water quality:

As we all know Canandaigua Lake is one of the most desired lakes within the whole country to own property on as well as recreate on. The lake is also a drinking water source for well over 70,000 people. That number will probably increase greatly over the next several years. We simply cannot allow significant degradation to the water quality of the lake.

With this in mind, we hope that you have given thought to and urge you to require even greater erosion management techniques than current regulations require with much greater capacities than would typically be used. Additionally, a change to the course of the road structure to require much less of a straight line down the hill along with rock check dams or something similar to help reduce the velocity of water draining down the ditches seems like it would be in order. Another thought might be to require the housing units to be broken up in such a way as to eliminate

the long line that looks like an army barracks into several smaller sections that could possibly allow for additional storm-water retention ponds or at least allow flow paths to be shortened. Anything to reduce velocity and increase retention time on site could be of great benefit.

2. Another item of concern is in regards to increased traffic. We realize that NYSDOT will have significant requirements for the developer since apparently most traffic will use the Route 364 entrance/ exit. Our experience would indicate that the developer will need to install a turning lane for traffic coming from the north. We assume that DOT will themselves perform a traffic study. In our opinion, that would be advisable and necessary. Will the additional traffic require a stop light at the 364/ County Road 18 intersection? Perhaps some traffic calming measures can be employed along 364 as there seems to currently be concern about speeding along that stretch of road even before any additional development. Also, the Town of Gorham would like the opportunity to speak with Town of Canandaigua officials in regards to the actual layout of the road infrastructure. Development is bound to continue within the area around and near the proposed Canandaigua Shores development, so now might be the best time to look at a more comprehensive area wide road network plan that could make a radical change to the project area more desirable. Gorham currently has an access management plan, and while we would not be as bold as to try to tell Canandaigua what to do, perhaps there could be additional opportunity that would become obvious looking together at access sites in particular.

These are the issues of greatest concern to the Town of Gorham. Once again, we appreciate the outreach for our thoughts, and your concern for the residents of our town, many of whom will be impacted by this project as much as Canandaigua residents.

With appreciation,
The Gorham Town Board