



Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

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Thomas J. Scott, Chairman
Glen Cove Planning Board
Glen Cove City Hall
9 Glen Street
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Dear Chairman Scott:

The Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (CSHH) entirely supports the concerns expressed by the Town of Oyster Bay's planning consultant, Cashin Spinelli & Ferretti (CSF), regarding the Glen Cove Waterfront Development as outlined in the firm's May 16, 2016, letter to the Glen Cove Planning Board.

CSHH has long expressed similar views and submitted comments at every opportunity to the Planning Board to address deficiencies in the SEQRA process. In September, 2011, CSHH made the following statement:

"We question the developer's conclusions, especially in light of, among other things, (1) the known and potential contamination in several areas of the project site, (2) the developer's ability to select from a menu of plans that include more residential units than even proposed in the 2008 plan and still claim that there will be no or minimal adverse impacts, and (3) the unprecedented change to a high-density, urban landscape for the waterfront that we believe will negatively affect not only the local ecology, but also the character and quality of life currently enjoyed by residents of the City of Glen Cove and surrounding communities."

And as recently as the hearing held in September 2015 on the amended plan, CSHH urged the Planning Board to address all impacts and mitigation efforts before giving approval for the plan. Similar to CSF's letter, CSHH requested updated analyses of traffic and stormwater runoff in light of the developer's minimal water retention provisions. CSHH also expressed additional concerns about increased nitrogen runoff, and increased water and sewer flows projected by the developer in the amended plan. To address these impacts, the Planning Board must conduct a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

At the time of the September hearing, CSHH was not aware that the EPA had conducted its routine 5-year assessment of the Li Tungsten/Captain's Cove site and found more contamination. We take this opportunity now to call for proper and complete remediation of the site to avoid any possibility of lingering risk to human health and the environment. To date, our concerns have either been ignored or dismissed as having been addressed already in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and SEQRA process. We beg to differ and are heartened that the Town of Oyster Bay agrees.

Sincerely,

Karen Papasergiou, President
Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

Cc: Mr. Eric Swenson – Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

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