



Town of Clifton Park

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Dr. L. Oliver Robinson
Superintendent of Schools
Shenendehowa Central School District
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Dr. Robinson,

Thank you for your recent letter responding to the Town of Clifton Park's stated interest in discussing the future of the parcel owned by the Shenendehowa School District, which was the subject of the recent referendum. The Town of Clifton Park has been very interested in the future of the parcel and made that clear to school district representatives through past discussions. The Town presented two very attractive offers for the property and submitted a response to the RFP released by the Board of Education. The Town's urgent interest was also made clear through an official statement posted on the Town website and subsequent press accounts, immediately following the referendum.

The Town's position during our previous discussions with school district representatives has been very simple. For the Town to acquire the parcel or play a major role in the land's future, a partnership between the school district and Town is imperative. I have also stated publicly we have always been concerned with the prospect of competing with large developers. A developer is interested in purchasing the property as an investment with the goal of realizing a profit. The Town's interest in the land is for recreational and public purposes. Any property's ultimate value is based on the eventual use of the parcel.

The Town Board continues to be ready and willing to work with the school board to secure a meaningful partnership that will benefit everyone involved and reflect the will of the community evident from the results of the referendum. Our expectation for future discussions will be a public process that provides the opportunity for the entire community to be involved. The Town Board will continue to publicly share the contents of our discussions as well as openly discuss our joint progress. If the renewed discussions result in a successful partnership, the Town Board will conduct a comprehensive, public planning process. The template for a successful planning process has been executed through the Town's Open Space Plan, Western Clifton Park GEIS, Town Center Plan and other long range planning processes, we have conducted since 2000.

We have a unique opportunity before us to work toward an amicable solution, that will serve our community and the municipalities of the school district, now and well into the future.

PHILIP C. BARRETT
Supervisor

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Councilman

AMY J.H. STANDAERT
Councilwoman

JAMES J. ROMANO
Councilman

Please forward me some available dates and times school district representatives will be available to meet in the next several weeks. We will coordinate schedules with Town personnel and secure an agreeable meeting time. I also offer to host the meeting at Town Hall and look forward to speaking with you. If you or any school district representatives have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Barrett', written in a cursive style.

Phil Barrett
Clifton Park Town Supervisor

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