

# **TOWN OF GARDINER**

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**Carl Zatz  
Supervisor**

**Michelle L. Mosher  
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January 12, 2004

Peter Fairweather  
Fairweather Consulting  
153 Main Street  
New Paltz, NY 12561

Dear Peter:

This is in response to your letter dated December 4, 2003. During the Gardiner Town Board regular meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2004, the Town Board considered the propriety of Fairweather Consulting providing services to Gardiner while being retained by organizations in which some members may be officially opposed to or in favor of an Awosting Reserve Development project.

First, thank you for soliciting our opinion in this matter. It is the opinion of the Town Board that until there is any indication to the contrary you should continue your work with Gardiner and continue facilitating the work of the Gardiner's Master Plan Committee as they prepare the Town of Gardiner's Comprehensive Plan.

As a matter of course, we are forwarding your letter and this response to our Ethics Committee for their review.

Again, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Cordially,

Carl Zatz, Town Supervisor  
Town of Gardiner

Via email

Cc:

Michael Boylan  
Matt Bialecki  
Fred Fischer  
Nadine Lemmon  
Bill Richards

Via eMail

**G.A.R.D.**  
Gardiner Association for  
Responsible Development

5-20-03  
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May 19, 2003

Supervisor Jack Hayes & Town Board Members  
Gardiner Town Hall  
Gardiner, NY 12525

Dear Supervisor Hayes and Members of the Board,

We understand that approximately 1,100 Gardiner residents, property owners, and voters have now signed the petition requesting a temporary moratorium on development while the Gardiner Master Plan and Zoning Law are revised. In spite of intense public interest in this issue over the past few months, the moratorium was discussed by Board members at only one meeting. Based on this, it is our impression that the Board is disinclined to enact such a moratorium.

Elected officials must act in what they believe to be the best interests of the town and we understand that not every issue can be resolved by direct appeal from the public. Nevertheless, it is important to realize that those who signed the petition did not sign it simply because they wanted a moratorium -- they also signed it because they wanted rapid and decisive change in the way our open lands are being developed and believe that a temporary moratorium is a valid way to achieve this.

As most town planners and many members of our own Board are probably aware, there are other viable ways to protect community character and prevent haphazard development of open land. One cannot, however, reasonably expect the public to accept that the recently formed Master Plan Review Committee, valuable as it is, is an acceptable alternative to a moratorium. That committee meets only once a month and when it is done, must be followed by a Zoning Law Review Committee that will support changes to the Master Plan with enforceable laws. At the present rate of progress this process could take years, during which time much of Gardiner will be lost. Furthermore, those who signed the petition knew of the Master Plan committee's existence and signed in spite of it -- a clear indication, we believe, that at its present pace, the committee is not seen as an effective way to achieve the intended goal.

We believe that it is unreasonable to ignore the opinion of roughly a third of the voting population of Gardiner. Whether via moratorium, a greatly accelerated Master Plan and Zoning Law review process, or some other plan, approximately 1100 people now await clear, prompt and determined action that is commensurate with the urgency of the situation.

We request that the moratorium be put on the agenda for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board meeting and that at that meeting of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, you schedule a public hearing for the moratorium.

Sincerely,

GARD Steering Committee

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July 8, 2003

Supervisor John Valk, Jr.  
Town of Shawangunk  
Town Hall  
P.O. Box 247  
Wallkill, New York 12589

Dear Supervisor Valk:

In reviewing the Town of Shawangunk Draft Comprehensive Plan May, 2003 "Issues of Regional Concern: Providing adequate stewardship of the Shawangunk Ridge". I have the following thoughts I would be interested in forming an intermunicipal organization to address common concerns with regards to the Shawangunk Ridge. I have in the past corresponded with Towns in Orange County New York and Pennsylvania, which also share the Shawangunk Ridge resource. I had asked Congressman Maurice Hinchey for any assistance he might be able to provide in this matter. Would you possibly be available to meet for a little while before or after the Ulster County Town Supervisor's meeting on 7/23/03 (4 pm UCCC)? I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,



Jack Hayes, Supervisor

JH: mbm

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May 14, 2003

Mr. Michael Boylan  
699 Route 208  
Gardiner, NY 12525

Dear Mike:

I am writing to follow up on the discussion of a long-term solution for the access and or expansion of the Gardiner Commercial Light Industrial Zone at the Town Board Meeting on 5/13/03. As you know Councilman Richards and Councilman Colucci have both expressed possible solutions to concerns about this area. This matter appears to be one that the Master Plan Review committee should address. Would you consider forming a sub-committee of the Master Plan review committee to address this particular matter? I would appreciate your consideration of Council Members Colucci and Richards to serve on this sub-committee. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



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# MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

## **PLANNING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE**

1. Scott Mosher
2. Bev Tantillo
3. Mike Boylan

## **OTHER TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1. One member of Town Board
2. One member of Z.B.A
3. One member of E.C.C.

## **PLANNING CONSULTANT**

Jim Frieband

## **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Margaret Wagner

## **COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

1. Agricultural community
2. Tourism community
3. C.L.I. / business community
4. Home owner
5. Realtor / Developer
6. Concerned citizen group

### **Phase 1.**

Put notice out to public to solicit for the master plan review committee.

#### **Notification:**

- ❖ Newspaper
- ❖ Town web site
- ❖ Public notice

#### **Application:**

- ❖ position applying for
- ❖ qualifications
- ❖ skills they would offer to the committee
- ❖ Due date for all application 1/4/03

### **Phase 2:**

Our goal would be to have committee in place for late January meeting.

- ❖ Sub committee to review applications
- ❖ Schedule interviews
- ❖ Select committee members

### **Meeting Format:**

Meeting will be an open working committee meeting

- ❖ Working committee meeting 2 ½ hours
- ❖ Limited public comment period
- ❖ Committee to set goals for next meeting

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