

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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TO: President McLaughlin and the Barrington Hills Village Board at the June 27, 2016 Official Meeting.

BARRINGTON HILLS IS AN ECOLOGICAL SANCTUARY AND A TREASURED HAVEN TO BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Barrington hills was conceived, founded and incorporated as a protected ecological haven. The Comprehensive Plan is its Constitution. The Comprehensive Plan from its very beginning defined Barrington Hills as an Equestrian Community. The characterization as an Equestrian Community has remained as the seminal definition of Barrington Hills for more than 50 years.

Like any Constitution, change should be difficult at best. Moreover, change must be procedurally correct and orderly with ample time for thoughtful analysis, public dissemination and available public comment.

Inherent in the wording of the Barrington Hills Comprehensive Plan is the common mandate that land ownership is a right deserving of maximum freedom for use and enjoyment. Government interference or intrusion should be minimal, only permitted when health or safety is jeopardized. The founding fathers wanted to ensure freedom to enjoy, freedom to use, freedom to farm, freedom for guns, hunting, golf, archery, tennis and hunting, freedom for home occupation of business, freedom to build or demolish, freedom to plant or to burn, freedom to pave or leave natural and, above all, to welcome the diversity of all the uses under a big tent Village Plan.

This remarkable and visionary concept has created a welcoming and nourishing domicile for all of us over many decades of residency. Some of us work our land and some of us employ landscapers. Some have horses and ride. Some have fences and no horses. Some farm and some prefer manicured gardens. Some have cows and/or goats and sheep. Some have alpaca. Some have chickens. Some have zebra. Some have dogs. Some have cats. Some have fish and some have birds. And the list goes on.

Some prefer beautiful rolling lawns. Some prefer a wooded landscape with diverse vegetation and floral growth. Some prefer opening their land to the abundant wildlife. Some prefer fences to restrict incursion by certain wildlife. All good. All manifesting freedom and limited government incursion. The hallmark is individual choice and freedom to exercise that choice. Freedom to inhale and absorb the God given natural beauty of this wondrous sanctuary of rolling hills cuddling a myriad of brooks, streams, ponds and lakes.

This is why my family and I love Barrington Hills and I hope we will always respect the sanctity of land ownership and the freedom to enjoy the land we own in any way that we as individuals may choose.

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