

July 14, 1987

Planning Board, Town of Red Hook, NY  
109 South Broadway  
Red Hook, NY 12571

Attn: Marcy Appell, Chairperson

In a recent conversation with Woody Klose , I learned of some late changes in our Echo Valley Road rural neighborhood. I expressed a concern about one proposal by the Town, that Woody and I discussed. He advised me that you would be interested in any concern that I might have about any of the Town's proposals, and that it is very important that I get in touch with you.

I am opposed to any widening of the existing or proposed Echo Valley Road and bridge. To widen the road would not only greatly decrease the rural character of this beautiful area but more important it will increase an existing hazard.

ECHO VALLEY ROAD with Fraleigh Lane, GETS IT'S MOST USE AS A HIGH SPEED RAPID-BY-PASS, FROM AND TO ROUTES 9 NORTH AND 199 EAST, TO AVOID THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK.

STRAIGHTENING AND/OR WIDENING IT WILL NOT ONLY MAKE IT INTO A MORE DIRECT BY-PASS, BUT ALSO INCREASE THE PRESENT DANGER THAT WE EXPERIENCE WHEN ENTERING ONTO IT FROM OUR DRIVEWAYS.

We have lived on this road since 1970. We have observed that the traffic on Echo Valley Road has increased from approximately 10 cars a day then, to over 100 today. While during the same period the residences have increased by only one. I wouldn't be surprised to learn that 90% of the people using the present road are only passing through.

It doesn't take long, for people to find a short-cut around traffic and a traffic light. And if you think that your car might not pass inspection should you be stopped by an officer in the village, then a short-cut becomes all that more desirable. Believe me, some of those "wrecks" that go rocketing by on this road would never pass inspection. The high rate of speed used by at least half of the cars going by here is hardly prudent for this road. To widen the road would only make matters worse.

Please advise if there is anything I can do to convince you of the gravity of this situation.

Very truly yours,

*Bleecker Staats*  
Bleecker Staats

RD3, Echo Valley Road, Town of Red Hook

cc. Please see attached list of some of the neighbors who use Echo Valley Road, and have received a copy of this letter.

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July 14, 1987

Some of the neighbors who use Echo Valley Road  
and would therefore be concerned about a widening of the road

THE FAMILIES OF:

F. Warnimont.  
D. Borm  
J. Muirhead  
H. Fields  
    Gouvier  
    Pridek  
F. Abrahams  
S. Gilbert  
D. Seymour  
E. Fralieg  
D. Fralieg  
    Becker  
    Winchell  
    Teater  
W. Klose  
W. Klose  
G. Coon  
G. Staats

July 21, 1987

Ms. M. Appell  
109 South Broadway  
Red Hook, N.Y. 12571

Dear Ms. Appell,

I was on copy to a letter written to you by Mr. B. Staats. He raised a concern about the proposed widening of Echo Valley road. This letter is to support Mr. Staats position in this regard. Widening of the road would be beneficial only to those who are looking for a way to by pass the village. I trust you will have the wisdom to use our money in ways which will benefit the area, this, I believe, is not one of them.

Very truly yours,

*Mike*

M. F. Warnimont  
Rd. 3, Box 182  
Red Hook, N. Y.

cc: Mr. B. Staats

07/24/87 09:46:41  
PLANNING BOARD, TOWN OF RED HOOK, NEW YORK  
109 SOUTH BROADWAY  
RED HOOK, NEW YORK 12571

MEMO TO : MARCY APPELL, CHAIRMAN

RE: TOWN'S PROPOSAL TO CHANGE  
ECHO VALLEY ROAD

I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC BEHIND THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE  
A ROAD WHICH SHOULD REQUIRE NO CHANGE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO FIND A RESIDENT THAT BELIEVES THAT THIS CHANGE  
WILL BENEFIT ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ON ECHO VALLEY ROAD.

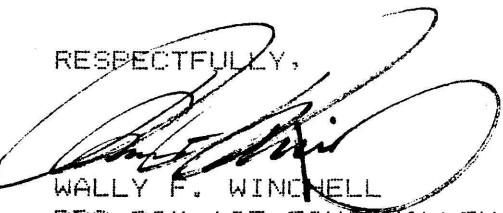
IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO DEVELOP A ROAD FOR THE HIGH SPEED DRIVERS,  
THE DUMPERS OF GARBAGE AND THE IRRESPONSIBLE OUTLAWS, THEN I  
CLEARLY UNDERSTAND YOUR THINKING.

HOWEVER, AS A THINKING, CARING CITIZEN OF THIS AREA, I AM OPPOSED TO  
DISTROYING THIS BEAUTIFUL RURAL AREA.

I AM SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO CARE, WILL AGREE.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE THIS TERRIBLE CHANGE.

RESPECTFULLY,



WALLY F. WINCHELL  
RD3 BOX 187 ECHO VALLEY ROAD  
RED HOOK, NEW YORK 12571

TOWN OF RED HOOK PLANNING BOARD

July 23, 1987

Dear Echo Valley Resident:

Your letter was read at the July 20th Planning Board meeting and we agree that living on a quiet country road can be quite pleasant, but-----

When land is subdivided, the Planning Board is bound by regulations adopted by the Town of Red Hook. These regulations provide that when new roads are built in the town, they be built to specifications also adopted by the town.

These road specifications call for new roads to be 26 feet wide. The reasoning behind this width is that it provides some safe space for walkers and bicyclists, for snowplows to move the snow to the side and still allow cars to pass comfortably and safely, and for emergency parking without blocking the road.

A narrow, twisting road has never slowed down a driver determined to speed. This same driver on a wider road with fewer bad curves could be less of a danger to other drivers. There will be 20 mph speed signs posted.

We do have within some of our older subdivisions roads which were built narrower and which present the problems we have tried to address by going to the 26 ft. road width.

The width of the bridge is under the control of Dutchess County and, to our knowledge, there is no plan to do any work on it in the near future.

Please continue to advise us of your concerns and we will make every effort to answer them as best we can.

Sincerely,

*Marcella Appell/BVP*

Marcella Appell,  
Chairman

MA/bvp

cc - Supervisor Lore  
Supt. of Highways  
Woody Klose

Red Hook, NY.  
May 10, 1988

C.R.W.K. Associates  
c/o Mr. Woody Klose  
35 E. Market Street  
Red Hook, NY 12571

Subj: Property line between my property and your lot #26

Ref: a. Final Major Subdivision For C.R.W.K. Associates Section II  
Approved by Dutchess County on 3/9/88 and The Town of Red  
Hook on 4/4/88.

b. Town of Red Hook Map 6272-00 dated 2/87

Gentlemen:

Reference (b.) above shows my north property line to be 275 feet in length. Your map (reference a.) shows that line to be considerably less. The resulting angel gives your lot #26 an approximate 60 foot by 100 foot wedge of my property. I mentioned this fact to Mr. Klose when I viewed a preliminary map of yours last year. At that time Mr. Klose informed me that the map was only a draft and property lines weren't necessarily accurate.

I visited the Dutchess County Records office yesterday and viewed reference (a.) which now stands as the official survey of the area. At the Town Hall in Red Hook, I was informed that when the Town map is updated it will be from the Dutchess County Records map.

Unfortunately for me, I must suffer the survey cost of my own property if I expect to prove the inaccuracy of your map. Please be advised by this letter that I have contacted a surveyor for that purpose.

Very truly yours,

*Bleecker Staats*  
Bleecker Staats

.cc Marcella Appell, Town of Red Hook Planning Board  
Albert Trezza, Red Hook, NY

K-4938

May 10, 1988

Mr. David Queen  
18 Livingston Street  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Subj: Property survey in Red Hook

Ref: Last 7 deeds on the property in question

I have numbered the deeds herein for reference sake. Please notice that the present property in question is the piece made up of the two pieces of property covered in deeds 1 & 2.

Deed number 3 shows the combination of deeds 1 & 2 and refers to the total piece as approximately 2 and one quarter acres.

Deeds 4, 5, 6 & 7 for some reason only make reference to deed number 1, but still refer to the piece as 2 and one quarter acres. I am taxed at 2.2 acres according to the Town of Red Hook.

The sooner you can take action on this the better. People will be moving in and I want this problem settled before that happens. I will be happy to meet with you at anytime. If you need help with the survey, I will be glad to take a day off and help you.

I have put C.R.W.K. Associates on notice that I am having the survey done. I hope that by that letter, they will hold off on selling their lot #26 (boundry line in question) until they here from me.

Very truly yours,

*Bleecker Staats*

Bleecker Staats

RD 3 Box 192

Red Hook, NY 12571

Tel: Work = 385-7534 or 1233

Home = 758-6304

WOODY N. KLOSE  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
35 EAST MARKET STREET  
RED HOOK, NEW YORK 12571

PLEASE REPLY TO:  
☐ RHINEBECK  
☒ RED HOOK

(914) 758-8871  
(914) 876-2603

RHINEBECK OFFICE:  
17 MILL STREET  
RHINEBECK, NEW YORK 12572  
(914) 876-2044

June 30, 1988

Mr. Richard T. Mead  
Salt Point Turnpike  
Clinton Corners, NY 12514

Re: Staats

Dear Tim:

Bleecker Staats, who owns property adjacent to ours on Echo Valley, is complaining about the rear line on your map with respect to his property. I am referring to lot 26. Is there a monument in place for the southeast corner? If so, could you place a pin for the point that runs north which is the southerly and westerly line of n/f Coon?

We would like to accomodate Mr. Staats in a small land adjustment, but we need to know whether those points are there?

Please contact me.

Cordially,



Woody N. Klose

WNK:cah

✓ cc: Mr. Bleecker Staats



# TOWN OF RED HOOK

## PLANNING BOARD

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109 SOUTH BROADWAY, RED HOOK, N. Y. 12571

May 19, 1988

Mr. Bleecker Staats  
RD #3 Box 193  
Red Hook, NY 12571

Re: CRWK Major Subd.  
Lot #26

Dear Mr. Staats:

A copy of your letter to Mr. Klose dated May 10, 1988 was read at the May 16, 1988 Planning Board meeting.

We do have concerns now for this lot #26.

Please keep us advised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marcella Appell / BVP".

Marcella Appell,  
Chairman

MA/bvp

November 3, 1988.

Woody Klose  
35 East Market Street  
Red Hook, NY 12571

Ref: Your letter to R.T. Mead of 6/30/88 referring to lot 26.

Dear neighbor,

I view the two houses going up in our neighborhood with both excitement and apprehension. It is nice to see that things are moving but at the same time we haven't resolved my concern for the common property line of mine and lot 26. Please advise if you and Mr. Mead have come to a decision.

Sincerely,

*Bleecker Staats*

Bleecker Staats,  
Your neighbor and squeaky wheel

**WOODY N. KLOSE**

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November 14, 1988

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Re: Staats

Dear Tim:

Would you be kind enough to take time out of your busy schedule and take a quick look at Mr. Staats' question. We would like to work with him, if possible.

Cordially,



Woody N. Klose

WNK:cah  
Enclosure

✓ cc: Mr. Bleecker Staats