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Via U.S. Mail and E-mail

Supervisor Scott A. Russell
Southold Town Board
53095 Main Road
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Re: Change of Zone Application for Fishers Island UFSD/Walsh Park
Premises: Southeast side of Winthrop Avenue at its intersection with
Equestrian Avenue, Fishers Island, NY SCTM #1000-9-10-10

Dear Mr. Russell:

I am a homeowner on Fishers Island and write concerning the above-referenced application of the Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation ("Walsh Park") for a Change of Zone on Fishers Island.

I am a supporter of Walsh Park and admire its work. I do not, however, believe that its application in its current form should be granted. Walsh Park has included with its application an old plan for a large number of houses, placed right in the middle of a long-standing neighborhood. That plan would be a horrible imposition on those who currently live there and is quite understandably vociferously opposed by many of them. I understand that Walsh Park has said that it doesn't necessarily intend to carry out that plan, and that it might do something else if its application were approved. Yet to my knowledge, Walsh Park has not engaged with the community as to what it might do.

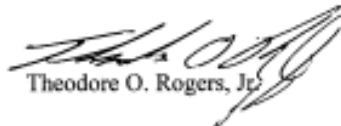
I should note that my house is about a mile away from the area so my qualms about what is happening are in no way motivated by Not In My Backyard feelings. I do think, however, that it is unfair to the community for Walsh Park to seek a zoning change without being clear about what it would do with the property if it received approval.

In sum, I do not think an application of this sort should be considered or approved until there has been adequate definition of what Walsh Park would do if its application were granted.

I certainly would not oppose an application that defined a rational plan for the property, designed after consultation with the neighborhood, but must express opposition to the current application.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,


Theodore O. Rogers, Jr.