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Concerned Citizens of Armonk

**Councilwoman Diane Roth Urged To Recuse Herself In CVS Case  
Roth Has Acted As Developer's Listing Agent**

North Castle, NY. – (July 14, 2012) – An important stepping stone in the CVS project's approval process - the special use permit public hearing - is set to come before the North Castle Town Board on July 25, a little more than two weeks after the Planning Board recommended that the Town Board move forward with it. More than fifteen members of the Concerned Citizens of Armonk watched the Town Board debate and vote 3-2 to set a public hearing date for developer Martin Werber's CVS proposal.

Three members of the Town Board, Arden, Cronin, and Roth, decided to move the CVS proposal forward even though the Planning Board, as lead agency under SEQRA has not yet made a determination of the developments impact on the community. Jeff Baker, representing the Concerned Citizens of Armonk said, "We believe that scheduling a public hearing at this time is both contrary to law and sound policy." In addition, he also requested that Town Board member Diane Roth recuse herself due to the fact that Ms. Roth's business relationship with Mr. Werber creates the presence of an appearance of a conflict of interest if not an outright conflict.

Councilwoman Roth, a commercial real estate agent, has been a leasing agent for Mr. Werber's company.

"Councilwoman Roth has represented Werber Development in the past and it can be expected that she would like to do so again in the future. That business relationship will cloud her judgment on this matter and present, at a minimum, the appearance of a conflict of interest," said Baker.

The Concerned Citizens of Armonk contend that this matter has been mired in politics, speculation, and allegations of conflicts of interest since Mr. Werber's development firm Eden Enterprises tried to circumvent North Castle's Zoning Code by filing for a building permit last fall.

"Regardless of the existence of actual conflicts of interest, Ms. Roth is cloaked in the appearance of impropriety. The Town Board should excuse Ms. Roth and vote again whether to set a public hearing," said Ellen Fuhrer, a spokesperson for Concerned Citizens of Armonk.

The citizens of North Castle deserve to have an impartial and disinterested Town Board to assess and determine the potential impacts of the CVS proposal and how this Town should move forward," said Charlene Jacobi, President of the Concerned Citizens of Armonk.

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