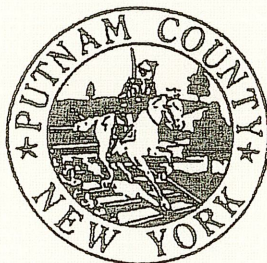


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February 12, 2024

Via E-Mail: raggarwala@dep.nyc.gov & US Mail
Honorable Rohit Aggarwala
Commissioner NYC Department of Environmental Protection
Office of The Commissioner
59-17 Junction Blvd.
Corona, NY 11368

Subject: Meeting with Friends of Belden House

Dear Commissioner Aggarwala:

The historic Belden House is located in my legislative district of Putnam County.

I am writing to request your assistance in arranging a meeting between the Friends of Belden House Organization and the DEP, specifically Deputy Commissioners Rush and Warne in the hope that a mutually agreeable transfer of the Belden House along with surrounding land can be made to the Friends of Belden House.

The basis of my request is in line with both paragraph 6 of Deputy Commissioner Rush's letter of 11/27/23 and page 5 of Commissioner Warne's affidavit of 11/7/23 both which are attached. The germane excerpts are:

Commissioner Rush Letter of 11/27

"Regardless, DEP remains open and willing to consider transferring Belden House to a local governmental entity able to support its ongoing viability while ensuring protections to adjacent watershed lands and assets. ..."

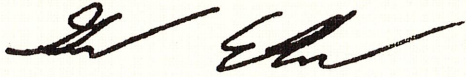
Commissioner Warne Affidavit of 11/7

"Any government or group with the resources to renovate and maintain Belden House is welcome to approach DEP about a potential transfer. ..."

It is suggested that the meeting take place either at your Valhalla offices or preferably at a Putnam County location so the Belden House property can be toured.

Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg E. Ellner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Ellner" clearly distinguishable.

Greg E. Ellner
Putnam County Legislator – District 5
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