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Sent: Thu, Nov 15, 2018 12:32 pm

Subject: Letters

I looked at the directions you provided to Florence regarding how to organize the letters submitted by me on 10/18/18 regarding the proposed House of Worship resolution. As these letters are bundled by street and family- 2 or 3 or more from same house are they now identified as one submission or are they counted individually? I know that the same organization was not applied to the 639 letters in favor of the resolution submitted in July were not so organized.

I know that the number submitted was 570 on that evening.

Thanks, Hilda

REPLY

Sent: Thu, Nov 15, 2018 4:58 pm

Subject: Re: Letters

Hilda,

While my instruction sheet was an aid in keeping track of ALL additional submissions, "for," "against," or "other," as a courtesy to you I will attempt to give you the benefit of my thought process...the methodology used was my way of trying to collate hundreds of letters; no special meaning one way or the other and the Village Trustees, and anyone else, as all the letters received are public documents, can draw his/her own conclusions regarding the letters submitted. The letters received are the letters received by the Village as a product of our public hearings, duplicate or otherwise. My initial review of the first set "in favor of the resolution," indicated "multiples" from the same addresses too, but all appearing to be coming from Chestnut Ridge homes. I did not go back to organize like the second set because no additional value to me, as an individual, they were letters "in favor"; but when I performed a cursory review of the letters "in opposition" in the second set and saw 12 letters from 1 Chestnut Ridge address (note: result was 6 individuals from same address), and then some letters from Tomkins Cove, parts of Pearl River not known by me to be contiguous to the Village, Valley Cottage and unsigned correspondence, I thought a closer review would assist me re: where the opinions were originating...again, without prejudice for or against, just reviewing submissions purporting to represent reflection(s) of public opinion, in order for me to assess the public discourse that has been occurring...my reasoning.

Additionally, how others (i.e. Trustees, members of the public) interpret the letters...collated or not...639...530... from the 1st hearing...2nd hearing...prior to the 3rd hearing...received after the 3rd hearing...are all subject to one's own reading/interpretation/value, without any official Village definition attached thereto.

Sam

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