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Dover Town Board can rectify procedural error

To the Editor:

Thank you for the article in last week's paper discussing the recent legal action taken by our civic group against the Dover Town Board.

We in the community are watching the actions of our newly elected town board very carefully, particularly with regard to its handling of the Dover Knolls development of the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center.

We believe it to be in our collective best interests for the new board, in making any future decisions concerning this project, to rigorously follow all procedural legal formalities, recognizing that a failure to do so compromises both the integrity of the board and the due process rights of the town's citizens.

We urge the town board to now recognize that it made a procedural error at its Feb. 27 meeting, noting that should the board choose, it can easily rectify the error, still achieve its stated objectives and save the town the expense of defending itself in court.

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