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Town Accepts Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Knolls of Dover Development

Developer Announces Job Fair for March 24

Dutchess County, New York – Last Wednesday, in a vote of four to one, the Dover Town Board took a significant step forward by deeming the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Knolls of Dover development complete. The vote indicates that all the environmental analyses have been deemed complete and it is hoped that the final approvals for the development will follow shortly thereafter.

In addition, the Town has scheduled a joint public hearing for March 24, 2010, at 6:30 PM at the Dover Middle School Auditorium. The public meeting will address the FEIS and the various other applications required for the development.

“We have reached a significant and critical milestone in this process and are nearing the end,” said Denise Coyle, of the Knolls of Dover development team. “We would like to thank Supervisor Ryan Courtien, Deputy Supervisor Chris Galayda, Councilwoman Cathy Frame, and Councilwoman Lorraine O’Neill for their support.”

The Knolls of Dover is a mixed-use development designed to create an attractive "Smart Growth" community. The intent is to produce a true walkable community, allowing a variety of housing as well as easy accessibility to the new Village Center, the Metro North train station, and recreational activities while preserving the beauty and history of the area.

“The Benjamin Organization has been working on this project since 2003,” continued Ms. Coyle. “The project stalled until the current town board majority, led by Supervisor Courtien and Council members Galayda and Frame, took action. Since early 2008, the project has moved forward dramatically.”

Moreover, the Knolls of Dover development team announced that a job fair for construction jobs on the project will be held on March 24 prior to the Town Board meeting. Anyone interested in filling out an application is welcome.

“We have secured \$2.5 million from the Empire State Development Corporation, which will aid in getting the demolition process off the ground,” added Ms. Coyle. “Once we complete the SEQRA review process, we can proceed with the demolition phase and bring much needed jobs to the area.”

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