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January 2022

Dear Residents,

At the annual meeting of the Cold Spring Hills Civic Association on November 7th, one of the items discussed and voted upon was Gary Melius' proposal for development on the lower portion of OHEKA property.

At the meeting we distributed information submitted by Mr. Melius which included a summary of the application, a site plan and a letter explaining the need for this development to ensure the viability of historic Oheka Castle.

The application titled The Residences at Oheka II was made to the Town of Huntington on June 17th by Mr. Melius' attorney, Michael McCarthy. The proposal includes 95 units in a four (4) story building, subterranean parking for 240 cars, a subterranean and on-site sewage treatment plant.

Oheka Castle is central to our community of Cold Spring Hills. It is a treasured historic jewel that residents want to see preserved. The Melius family has been good to our neighborhood and residents want to see them remain as the keepers of the Castle. Therefore, our membership voted overwhelmingly to support this application, provided that East Gate Drive be used as the main entrance to the new development so that our residents are not impacted by traffic through the neighborhood.

As a result of the annual meeting, the Executive Board submitted a letter of support to the Town. This letter is attached along with the site plan.

***A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR
THE RESIDENCES AT OHEKA II
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH AT 7 PM
HUNTINGTON TOWN HALL***

We hope you can all attend...

Sincerely,

CSHCA Executive and Advisory Boards

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November 22, 2022

Supervisor Ed Smyth
Members of the Town Board
100 Main St.
Huntington, NY 11743

Re: Residences at Oheka II
135 West Gate Drive
Huntington, NY 11743

Dear Supervisor Smyth and Members of the Town Board,

On November 7th, the Cold Spring Hills Civic Association held our annual neighborhood meeting at Oheka Castle. The application pending with the Town of Huntington, titled "Residences at Oheka II" proposed for the lower front lawn of the Oheka Castle property was reviewed and discussed. Gary Melius provided our residents with an overview of the plan as proposed.

The members in attendance voted overwhelmingly in favor of supporting Gary Melius' proposed condominium project under the following terms:

1. The project would include 95 condominium units within a four-story building with subterranean parking for 240 cars,
2. location of the building would be on the lower front lawn of Oheka Castle off East Gate Dr.,
3. entrance to the development would be via East Gate Drive, (not West Gate Drive which would have a negative impact on the already burdened West Gate Dr. & Colonial Dr.),
4. sewage would be accommodated by a subterranean sewage treatment plant, (although the preference is for hook-up with the Nassau County sewer district, if possible), and
5. the design of the new building would complement the architecture of Oheka Castle.

Oheka Castle is an integral part of our neighborhood of Cold Spring Hills and very important to the history and unique nature of our community. Gary Melius has been a good neighbor and we look forward to a continued relationship with the Melius family. Our community wants Oheka Castle to remain viable so that our residents and all who visit can continue to enjoy this beautiful piece of history.

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Best regards,

Cold Spring Hills Civic Assoc. Executive and Advisory Boards

**Cc: Andrew Raia Town Clerk
Anthony Aloisio, Director of Planning
Gary Melius
Michael McCarthy, Esq.**

