
Clinton Hospitality Overlay Law

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Dear Clinton Town Board,

I am writing about the proposed Hospitality Overlay Law. While I recognize the need for revised hospitality guidelines, this draft law just bends the rules for developers while doing nothing to protect residents and the rural character of our town. By grandfathering in the current "conference center" applications threatening our neighborhoods, and thus exempting these active developers from the proposed law, the town has created a high presumption of illegal "spot zoning." And in addition, as these applications are the only ones pending, the overlay itself then applies to no actual properties in Clinton and so protects nothing. The law makes no sense.

I urge the Board to abandon this convoluted overlay law that clearly invites legal risk and instead simply revoke the Conference Centers and Motels/Hotels laws, replacing them with hospitality provisions that align with town planning priorities and public benefits. Clinton needs straightforward, town-wide area zoning that defines hospitality venues and their "events," spells out limits and universal rules for exemption and enforcement, and, above all, protects our Comprehensive Plan and our current agricultural and residential areas.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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