

Recipient: Township Committee, Mendham Township NJ

Letter: Greetings,

Follow study group recommendations to assess and preserve key parts of Pitney Farm and retain the property for historic value as well as to site a future municipal facility, as originally intended. Do not sell part or all of the municipal land at Pitney.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Linda Alexander	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-22	I want to preserve Pitney. I'm tired of hearing we can't raise taxes. We NEED some public facilities in Mendham Township. We are an embarrassment compared to our neighboring towns' facilities for residents. Shameful.
Joseph Kenny	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-22	Shame on the township committee. Losing a local treasure like Pitney Farms would be irresponsible and disgraceful. Do the right thing.
DONALD WILLIAMS III	MENDHAM, United States	2015-01-22	If Pitney Farm is not preserved, the regret will be felt for generations to come. Pitney is such an important part of our history, to lose it would be tragic.
Susan Sheehan	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-22	Mendham should revere its history and keep what few historic properties are left for generations to come.
Yvonne Kloehn	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-22	I agree that Pitney Farm should be preserved for future generations and for municipal use as recommended by the residents of the Mendhams.
Stacey Richards	Parsippany, NJ	2015-01-22	I'm sure my signature doesn't count. I grew up in Mendham, it's a beautiful, beautiful town. It's beauty and History are intertwined, Hilltop Church, the Black Horse Inn, the Phoenix House, Pittney Farms. They are all a part of Mendham. You don't need not houses or stores, we need more land, more open space, more beauty
Tom Herndon	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-22	I would hate for a Historic Property such as this to be destroyed due to the incompetence of the board and lack of communication between residents and their representatives.
Tjelda vander Meijden	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-22	Preserving Pitney Farm is as important as, Washington's Headquarters, Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, and Jockey Hollow's, 1752 Wick House."
Susan Ackerman Mantione	Chester, NJ	2015-01-23	I grew up across the street and spent many a day exploring the property. My sister, brother and I both worked on the farm. My brother did all kind of odd jobs around the place including picking up Christopher Reeve ( a relative of the Pitney family) at the airport. The Pitneys were like local royalty. The history of their home should not be destroyed but rather preserved.
David Bailin	Morristown, NJ	2015-01-23	Piney is historic and MUST be preserved
Teresa Finlay	Far Hills, NJ	2015-01-23	Pitney Farm is a truly unique asset that could make Mendham Township an even more special town if handled properly. The farm tells the history of Mendham in its architecture & gardens. It should be highlighted and promoted. I am shocked that our town government would even consider selling to a developer. & potentially/probably losing it.
Jamie Kinsel	Mendham, United States	2015-01-23	I remember the whole community coming together to celebrate the history of Mendham Township on its 250th anniversary. Our history contributes heavily to this community's unique character. It is time to be good stewards and preserve Pitney Farm.
dawn Harman	St Regis Falls, United States	2015-01-23	I lived in Mendham for 25 years. I loved as a kid going down the road and seeing the farm. Even though I don't live in Mendham anymore I have very fond memories.
Brian Phelan	Mendham, United States	2015-01-23	This property was purchased unanimously by a former township committee. The municipally owned section is the most historic dating back to the civil war and as part of the purchase it was surrounded by open space for the benefit of nearby residents and access would only be from Cold Hill Road. Another important benefit in addition to preserving local history is the property would also serve the future needs for community facilities
Caroline Jacobus	Mendham, United States	2015-01-24	Pitney Farm should be saved for Municipal use.

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Tom Werder	Randolph, NJ	2015-01-24	I support the creative community opportunities that this property offers.
Lisa Ward	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	I want to keep this historic landmark and believe that it would be an excellent location for our library. Also I am concerned about excessive private development destroying the historical character of mendham.
Kathryn Schumacher		2015-01-24	We need to preserve priceless treasures like this for future generations.
Alexandra Mead	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	I favor historic preservatio
Claire Levine	Wayne, NJ	2015-01-24	I believe it is important to preserve this historic site. It should not be sacrificed for short term financial gains - too much of this is happening in our country. We need to make responsible decions that stand the test of time.
James Muir	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	This property should be saved and restored
Mary Judith Kemp	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	Please do not sell ANY of the Pitney Farm property.
Carol Hall	Amherst, NH	2015-01-24	To help and because it's worthwhile.
joe horzepa	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	Think of future not short time benefits. This property is unique and future generations will benefit and admire your vision to maintain our heritage. Be brave and do the proper thing for our community.
Nancy King	Farmingdale, NJ	2015-01-24	I grew up in Brookside. My neighbor, Harris Hulbert, grew up on Pitney Farm and had his own farm on Washington Valley Road. This farm is an important part of our heritage.
Dulcy Green	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	I hope that the what's left of the farm farm and house can be saved for future generations
Aretta Muir	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-24	It is a very important part of Mendham and New Jersey History.
Patty O'Neill	Needham, MA	2015-01-24	im signing this petition because I grew up basically on this farm and have the best memories. My good friend's grandmother was the owner of this farm! I grew up right behind the farm on Brockden Drive!!!
Bonnie Mangold	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-25	It's important to maintain the land for future municipal uses even if it's mothballed or reconstructed to preserve the look with new construction.  The town needs a new library and all avenues should be explored to bring in external funding.
Bliss Ireland		2015-01-25	Pitney Farm is a lovely historic spot and has good green space.
Kylie Bailin	Easton, United States	2015-01-25	I grew up in Mendham and think we need to preserve this important history and make it usable for the whole town to enjoy. Going to the farmer's markets this summer was a wonderful use!
Tom Kelly	Brookside, United States	2015-01-25	Our tax monies paid to save the historic farm property from the hands of developers.  Well now, with forward thinking and some creative financial leadership, Mendham's historic jewel MUST be saved, preserved and creatively put to use for the citizens - the taxpayers.  Get out of the short-sighted, reactionary thinking mode and go for the grants, figure out some big donor schemes and save the Pitney Farm!
Robert Jacobus	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-26	Mendham has special character for the large number of pre-20th century buildings. Preserving Pitney will give us an pre-revolutionary campus in the center of town that we will all be proud of and provide a focus for the town's historic image.
Linda Kalnins	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-26	Save farms

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Richard Brusco	Morristown, NJ	2015-01-26	I believe in historic preservation and I think it would be a major mistake to let this historically valuable property disappear in part or in total.
Audrey Grier	Bloomfield, United States	2015-01-26	I grew up in Mendham and I know there is great value in preserving not only the open land in the area but the beautiful old homes.
Omie Ryan	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-26	The remaining 12 acres of Pitney Farm are as important to the future of Mendham Township as they are to its past.
Virginia Pierson	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-26	This is a part of Mendham history that should be preserved. Many good uses have been suggested by smart people.
Erik Sletteland	Bedminster Township, NJ	2015-01-26	I am signing because I believe that Pitney Farm holds a one of a kind, once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the current & future needs of a number of community activities that are presently underserved, in an environment that underscores the rich historical legacy of the Mendhams.
Raymond Nadaskay	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-26	The Pitney Property is an important Historic Site in Mendham Township that can be restored and repurposed for the benefit of Township Residents
Nancy Wilson	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-26	I have never been so disgusted with our Twp officials. Going to the meetings was an embarasment
Ernie Maw	Germany	2015-01-27	This is a true town asset and a solid solution needs to be found that will ensure that it is maintained. What if this "just sell it" approach was taken with the Cider Mill, Ralston Store, the Wick House, Fosterfields, or even Washington Headquarters? Those empowered by the people, need to deliver a solution (other than selling it for development). That is what they were put in place to do. If this is not worth preserving, then what is?
Lissa Anderson	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-27	Long-time resident of Mendham and feel that we should be preserving our history.
Elizabeth Drake	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-27	I'm concerned about our not being able to show and tell future generations how Mendham began. The Pitney farm is a vital part of the story.
Kathryn Porter	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-27	Mendham Township has always been in the leadership of preserving important lands for historic, scenic, environmental reasons. Pitney Farm fits all of the categories. Yes, budgets are tight and we need to be concerned about taxes. Once a decision is made to sell portions of the land no future plans can be made. Furthermore, at some point in our future there will be further agreements with Mendham Borough and Pitney Farm will play an important role in cementing the two communities. This is a bad precedent to take - overturning acquisitions by previous township committees.
Eugene Messina	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-27	Pitney Farm, in its entirety, is a truly unique acquisition for this and future generations. I sincerely hope the Township Committee will make the difficult but necessary decision to now provide funding to stabilize the property and continue the evaluation of potential community uses. We should not squander nor minimize the efforts of the Pitney Farms Public Purpose Study Committee which able to engage, pro bono, top world class design firms of Michael Graves, Gensler Associates and Bohler Engineering to produce a well constructed report with solid recommendations.
Mike mcgrath	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-28	I think it should be saved

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Brian Cox	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-29	<p>I can clearly envision what the outcome will be if Pitney Farms is preserved: this historic property will remain a true representation of the past and true to the character of Mendham. However, if the property is sold and/or the Farm buildings leveled or destroyed, I cannot clearly picture what the future would hold...but the possibilities concern me.</p> <p>I agree with the sentiments of others: that historic preservation in general is important wherever possible, that Mendham Township is a place committed to open space and historic preservation, and that the Farm and the site could creatively be used for the benefit of the Township.</p> <p>I hope that in the end the property can be preserved (at least) and restored/improved (if possible).</p>
Richard Caldera	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-29	Preserve history and open land!
Anne Brinsmade	Prince Frederick,, MD	2015-01-30	It is imperative to maintain this historic site in the community - Not to sell it!
Jenna burson	Owings, MD	2015-01-30	this is history.
Charlotte Odom	St. Francisville, LA	2015-01-30	I'm signing because I believe wholeheartedly in the preservation of national historic places. As a descendant of pre-American Revolution immigrants, I understand the great importance of leaving historic buildings intact to instill that sense of history that so many young people today lack because of our global mobility to find work. The multi-generational habitation in this building was quite uncommon but extraordinary--the town and state should honor the original agreement to keep the building as an historic landmark. That's one thing about the South--we preserve as much history as we can, and find a way to pay for it and don't give up so easily! So, please honor the agreement and SAVE this building!
Sierra Mitchell	Owings, MD	2015-01-30	The farm is a historic treasure and worth preserving.
sandra almassy	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-30	For all of the reasons people have already stated.
David Kerr	Mendham, NJ	2015-01-31	It's an historic treasure, and the barn could become a great performance / arts space for the community
A S	Richmond, United States	2015-02-01	The property was willed and arranged by a branch of my family to become a part of the Township of Mendham into perpetuity, not to be sold off under ambiguous and shady circumstances. Just saying.