

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Preserve Pitney Farm for benefit of community

EDITOR:

I sent the following message to each member of the Mendham Township Committee.

I urge you to reconsider your decision to put the Pitney Farm property up for auction to developers. This historic property cannot be replaced. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

A few houses will not be an asset to the entire Mendham Township community as the preserved farm property would be. We need that sort

of community center – a place where people can meet their neighbors for many different kinds of activities. We have always made sure there are sports facilities for our residents, let us consider the needs of many others who would benefit from such a cultural and historic resource.

I recognize that you are seeing the bottom line in terms of cost, but enhancing the quality of life for Mendham Township residents is part of your mission as well. Remember those public officials who allowed

the old Penn Station to be destroyed. No one sees that as a good move today.

Compromise, as suggested by the Friends of Pitney Farm, and heed the call of the numerous professionals who have made statements in support of preservation of the main structures. What do you want your legacy to be?

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No more residential development in Mendham

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Pitney Farms, or more McMansions?

The beauty of our historic, bucolic community is its history and its open spaces. It is the reason we live here, raise our children here and are willing to drive 20 minutes to the nearest

highway.

The roads in and out of Mendham are already clogged. Our outdoor spaces are shrinking. We have tons of houses on the market, some for a very long time.

We do not need residential development. We need historical preserva-

tion. Do what is right here – for our town and for our times. Keep Mendham the beautiful, peaceful, historical treasure that we all cherish.

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