

John Rosene Response to "Clubbed" article

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I don't know how to use your blogging or posting mechanics, so I hope this reaches you and that you publish it.

John Rosene

To the anonymous "journalists"

of the **Barrington Hills Observer**:

Are you guys so short of up-to-date ammunition, you have to dig back 10 whole years to find something to smear the horse boarding amendment and the folks who support it?

I wrote the so-called "white paper" you so selectively quoted a decade ago. That's 2005 if you can't do the math. And it was never a "white paper." It was a **private** proposal to a **private** organization by a **private** individual (me).

At the time, I held no public office. Neither did my wife who had no hand in the document and who saw it for the first time when I presented it to the Riding Club board who hadn't solicited it in the first place. They thanked me for my efforts, and the proposal went no further than that.

Regardless, where in my proposal is horse boarding even mentioned? I can't find it.

You guys aren't the first people who've tried to smear me, my wife, the Riding Club and/or Barrington Hills horse people with this document. "Halo" tried it. So did Halo's off-spring, "The Common Sense Party." Now it's the "Marty Party" for whom the **Barrington Hills Observer** is now pimping.

The **Barrington Hills Observer** and, before that, **Preserve Barrington Hills**, are cowardly publications sowing dissension and polarization under cover of anonymity.

In 2013, David Stieper and Jonathan Knight were "outed" as the anonymous publishers of **Preserve Barrington Hills**. As a result, they stopped publishing. I hope someone will eventually "out" you.

By the way, despite its age, I stand by every word in my 2005 document. I'll be happy to sign a copy for any of your readers who'd like it. The point I tried to make was that the future of our trail system and our equestrian lifestyle depended on reaching out and embracing new residents of the village. That horse people must convince newcomers that Barrington Hills was not just "Schaumburg with bigger lots," and that our open space zoning was greatly dependent on our being a horse community. You called my tone "sarcasm." I was trying for "irony." Does it really matter?

For cryin' out loud, this was 10 years ago!

Ten years ago I had no idea that my well-meant and pretty damn innocent proposal would provide such fodder for people in the village with darker agendas. People like you, the **Barrington Hills Observer**. People who use "fear and smear" to serve developer-friendly residents and to endanger the large barns which are vital in our community.

Shame on you.

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