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Dear Neighbor and Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and enjoying everything summer in Barrington Hills has to offer. It is with great urgency and importance that I am writing to you, and requesting that you attend the Village of Barrington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Some months ago a clique of area residents associated with high density commercial housing development initiated a subtle, but strategic campaign to defeat and dismantle the statutory defenses that preserve the character of the Village of Barrington Hills. Open spaces, protected natural habitats, and peaceful coexistence are all core tenets of the community we share and value deeply.

On July 18, the ZBA hosted a meeting to discuss, among other topics, a seemingly innocuous proposal to amend Village Code known informally as the "Drury Amendment." This proposed amendment profoundly destroys the right to board horses in Barrington Hills. What is more, under this guise of limiting horse boarding, the Drury Amendment seeks to (1) fundamentally redefine property rights in Barrington Hills, and (2) establish the legal precedent of circumventing elected representation to affect legislative change. Together, these consequences represent the exact conditions required for commercial development interests to pierce the safeguards preserving Barrington Hills.

Of note, Mr. James Drury – for whom the Drury Amendment is named – is currently suing the Village of Barrington Hills on another matter, and Mr. Drury's legal representation in this case is Mr. Tom Burney. It is no coincidence that Mr. Burney formerly served as the legal architect of the de-annexation desired by the previous owner of the Barrington Hills Farm property for high density commercial housing development.

However, because of the significant community attendance at the July 18 ZBA meeting, the ZBA continued its meeting and its vote on the Drury Amendment to August 1, 2016. The continuance allows the ZBA to forego sending formal notice of its August 1 meeting. Thus, the amendment will reappear for consideration at the ZBA's August 1 meeting, its supporters hoping to have deceived constituents via this parliamentary ploy.

It is imperative you and any available Barrington Hills residents participate in the August 1 ZBA meeting to exercise our civic duty and protect the future of the Village of Barrington Hills. I sincerely urge and implore you to join me at **Countryside Elementary at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1** for this critical purpose.

Sincerely,



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