



Thomas Ranese
Chief Marketing Officer

July 23, 2008

Mr. Wayne Euvard
Supervisor
Town of Amenia Town Board
36 Mechanic Street
Amenia, New York 12501

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Sincerely,



Thomas Ranese

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Chairman
Town of Amenia Planning Board
PO Box 126
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