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Hi All,

Mercifully, and as my holiday gift to you, this will be the briefest recap ever written. Monday night I attended the Southeast ZBA meeting. The only item I wanted to check out was the Suozzi project on Route 6 and the Danbury border.

This is a commercial space (40' X 125') with commercial space below and office space above.

In any case, although a friend had picked up the agenda earlier yesterday at Town Hall, it seems that Suozzi had later been taken off. The good news was that acting chair, Tom Costello, read the revised agenda at the meeting's beginning... The bad news was that I could have saved a trip and probably some small amount of sanity if this had been posted on line. Sigh.

Why is it that our Town Board refuses to give more than a very chosen few access to their website or e-mail list? Look, it's not like I'm asking them to assign this duty to me- but you'd think the each assistant to the chair of all town-appointed Boards could log on to send out agendas and corrected agendas. And also post minutes to the Town website which is woefully out of date. I mean, these aren't exactly state secrets.
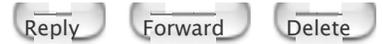
Still miffed yesterday I drove out to the Suozzi site. Talk about between a rock and a hard place... It's literally a stones throw straight down hill from Route 84 and squished between Route 6 to boot. Jeeze- I hope it's time to scale this baby back.

I did hear Mr. Costello make one important point before I fled in pure joy- and that was addressed to, I believe, Town Attorney, Willis Stephens who was sitting in the audience. Mr. Costello felt that it was really important to get the new zoning book to the Zoning Board- that they can't operate fairly or competently without this information. As always Mr. Costello is dead on and for that gets a gold star, my undying gratitude and my admiration too. Of course this and two bucks gets him a ride on the subway- or will when the strike's over...

Finally, it's been over a year since the new zoning regs were adopted with no new Zoning Code Book in sight. So unless the book is being written on parchment with a quill pen I'm not exactly sure what the hold-up is. Maybe this could be a New Year's resolution along with finding those missing Historic Sites.

As always the glib comments above are my observations only. Fortunately they reflect no one's views but my own. And yeah- I'm still plugging away at the two missing recaps, sorry for the delay.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Joyous Kwanzaa-
Lynne Eckardt

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