

To: Village Board and Planning Boards  
From: Barbara Hanley, 364 Lake Shore Drive  
Re: Subdivision of 363 Lake Shore Drive  
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Subdivision of 363 Lake Shore adds to unsustainable growth in the Village and promotes an unsafe environment. The role of the Village Boards is to assure what is best for and in accordance with the wishes of the current Village residents. To ignore this is to fail in your responsibility and calls into question the real motivations.

**Water:** the most critical issue facing the Village from the moment the Village and Planning Boards assumed leadership. There has been and continues to be too little water with poor quality (not drinkable) with no end in sight. Mandated water restrictions. Well known to the Boards. Well known to all. Yet ignored time and again when inconvenient for development.

1. Family size has grown significantly already adding to consumption and water usage without expanding our building.
2. The Boards, ignoring their responsibility, added businesses, community buildings and a massive apartment building on Lake Shore and Robin. One project added after another with Mr Stein stating at a Board Meeting that **we** will fix the NYS housing problem.
3. Basic arithmetic: where there is not enough of something, there are only two choices, either add to the supply or reduce the demand. Instead, the Village adds to demand without even a plan to improve the supply.
4. Specific to the 363 lot, there will be a substantially greater demand than that of the single, senior woman who had lived there.
5. Coinciding with the building of the Lake Shore/Robin monstrosity my water has worsened. It is rusty with particulate. (As I have reported.) Might we look forward to more of the same?

It is interesting that the former house at 363 was razed and trees and landscaping removed without having a building permit. It would seem the developer is confident that this is a done deal. Any such assurance is premature.

**Village safety issue.** A subdivision will increase the number of residents including children. The large number of residents and their use of the roadways already exceed safety. Driving through the Merriewold area is often like driving in the middle of an unmonitored school yard. Many people walk over three abreast; there is a large number and variety of motorized and foot-controlled scooters, hoverboards, bikes, young child devices, etc. resulting in a drive as if through a moving maze with cars often needing to be on the wrong side of the road. Riders cross the road down one driveway and up another with little attention to traffic. There appears to be no understanding of road regulations or right of way. Add to that, curves in the road, buses and others exceeding the speed limit. The population is likely to continue to grow with the current residents. (A sidewalk, under discussion, may move single walkers off the street but will not address the majority issues. )

Community identity: Of course, in addition to myself, longtime residents want to maintain the suburban/rural atmosphere as has been voiced time and again. Well maintained trees, bushes, lawns, as well as local wildlife, birds, personal space between houses has been the culture since the sixties and has been intentionally sustained. But, it is not just the concern of longtime residents. The newer members have expressed disappointment and frustration with the changes, most especially the oversized buildings. They have expressed that their move from Brooklyn and KJ was to leave the overpopulated concrete environment.

Unlike current owners, will the potential residents be informed of the issues before investing?