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Hi Don:

I agree that this is totally outrageous. I would suggest sending a FOIL request to obtain all relevant documents pertaining to the issue: especially pertaining to any arrangements between the Town and Stuyvesant regarding the issue, and all communications pertaining to any possible agreement regarding parking, flood control, or any other issues. By requesting these documents, you will demonstrate to the Town that you are serious, and that any potentially embarrassing information will be well-publicized.

I would also contact both DEC and DOH, and see if any approval is needed before a parking lot can be situated close to what is still theoretically a public water source.

In addition, the Town's prior use of the reservoir for recreational purposes may, arguably, constitute a dedication of the land for park purposes. If so, any transfer of the land, or permission to a private entity to use the land for non-park land purposes (i.e. parking) may violate the provisions of the New York State Constitution. I would make sure these arguments get raised, both in your comments, and also in your FOIL request (request access to all documents pertaining to the town's prior use of the reservoir property).

Let me know if I can be of any help.

Best regards

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From: dreeb@albany.edu [mailto:dreeb@albany.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 5:08 PM

To: peter@peterhenner.com

Subject: [Fwd: Stuyvesant Plaza--an irresponsible neighbor]

Tim Truscott suggested that I forward the enclosed message to you.

I called your office to get your email address before I remembered that I could probably get it off a google search.