

On Apr 8, 2022, at 8:10 PM, CARRIE Perrone [REDACTED] wrote:

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Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council Members,
I would like this to be public record.

It's with deep regret that I was unable to attend the meeting held on Monday March 28th, due to work issues. I did however attend the initial meeting back in May of 2019 where I among others were able to express ourselves regarding the rezoning of the property on 6th Concession. I'm very disappointed that we are even having to waste time again and revisit this. We (our community) were all with the understanding that the pyrotechnic operation owned by Mr. Anber was settled in May 2019. The revisit has really sparked high anxiety, anger and disbelief in our system.

I would initially like to welcome you all to drive out and visit our neighborhood. You will not appreciate and fully understand why we oppose the rezoning until you have experienced a day in our lives. My door is always open to all of you and I would love to have the opportunity to have an open discussion with you. I'm sure growing up you all had dreams and goals of where you would like to start and raise a family, I know I did. My husband and I have worked endlessly along with all the home owners of 6th Concession to achieve these dreams and goals, all to have someone of status try and rip it out from underneath all of us for personal gain. We've lived on the 6th Concession for 5 years now, we were overjoyed when we stumbled upon this little piece of heaven, not only is the scenery beautiful but it goes hand and hand with all the wildlife you don't get to see living in the city. Immediately upon moving in, neighbours

welcomed us with open arms, the neighbours one can only dream of, over the years these people have become family. NOT ONCE has Mr Anber ever come to introduce himself to any of us, nor has he ever tried to be neighbourly, then out of the blue he wants us to collaborate his wants, needs and decisions. How selfish? We are a RURAL community, surrounded by nature, farm fields, serenity, NOT a place for a commercialized pyrotechnic operation. This is nothing but a slap in the face to all of us, who work hard, care for our neighbours, our community and pour all our heart and soul into keeping our community organically growing and most importantly SAFE! If Mr Anber wanted to grow his pyrotechnic operation, he knew first hand that our area is classified as Agricultural so he bought the property knowing first hand his name and status may sway the council when the time best suited him, his pure ignorance has no empathy for others. If he wanted to grow his operation why not invest properly and invest in commercialized property? Why not? Well because agricultural land had a cheaper price tag. He has no concern for anyone or anything but himself. I strongly feel that rezoning this area will devalue our homes and property, this was not the investment we all signed up for.

Our road is another issue, it's a death trap and I'm just waiting to hear the sirens because of an accident on our road. The roads are not well maintained (throwing dirt down and partially regrading it does not constitute a well maintained road) within days the pot holes are big enough to hide a small child in, they are extremely hazardous, and people speed down our dirt road daily, there is no traction for a car to stop. If you chose to rezone to commercialized, our road will not be able to handle the heavy loads from the trucks, the ones that come down the road now, causes so much damage and it's our cars and properties that take the beating. Why are we the only road in the area that is still dirt? It's unsafe and we pay a lot of taxes to have to drive under these conditions daily.

Most importantly our area is known for endangered species. We all know how dangerous fireworks are and what their debris can do to our ecosystem if for some reason they were ever disposed of improperly, or if they got wet and leaked into the ground. Fireworks create highly toxic gases and pollutants that poison the air, the water and the soil, making them toxic to birds, wildlife, pets the list goes on. The metallic compounds released into the environment can be carcinogenic or toxic to both humans and animals. These reasons alone should be reasoning enough to shut this operation down! I could honestly go on and on why this rezoning should not be allowed, but I'm going to leave this with you all to decide. Put yourselves in our shoes, would you want your beautiful home and area to go from rural, peaceful, and safe, to a ticking time bomb? Would you allow your kids, family and pets to live near a pyrotechnic, and eat vegetables from your home grown garden if this was in your backyard? If your answer is No then your vote for the rezoning should be an Absolute No!!!

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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