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**To:** Chatham County Clerk, Planning Department,  
Esteemed Commissioners and Planning Board Members

**From:** Rex Vick, Windjam 23, LLC

**Date:** November 20, 2012

**RE:** Ward's Hollow Opposition – For the Record

Several questions were posed to me last night by Wade Barber and I wanted an opportunity to respond on the record since I believe his questions were posed rhetorically and aimed at shifting the focus of the Board from the zoning issue under its consideration to irrelevant actions and history that have no bearing on the application under consideration.

1. Wade asked if I sold the Ward Homeplace to an employee named Steve Young?

Steve Young was my realtor and not an employee. Steve was to act as the on-site agent for The Hamptons. Apparently, Steve and his wife formed an entity to host events at the Homeplace. I was not a part of that entity, I did not support that entity and to my knowledge the entity never hosted a single event. Steve's entity was not affiliated with Rex Vick, Jr., Windjam Development, or The Hamptons. I seem to recall that for a short period, Steve Young had a website but nothing ever came of whatever plans he may have had. I can say with certainty that if Steve were to have sought rezoning of Lot 17 in The Hamptons to a commercial use, I would have similarly and vigorously opposed the same. The dramatic impact on my vision for and investment in The Hamptons requires such a response.

2. Wade commented that I referred my website designer to the applicants and that I had a link from my Hampton's website to his website.

I am proud of The Hamptons and I referred my website designer to the applicant initially because I felt that anything done in relation to the historic value and preservation efforts on the Ward Homeplace property should be done correctly. I diligently implemented the preservation covenants and would be helpful to anyone of like mind toward the property. I originally allowed a link between the sites but when I learned more about the scope of Ward's Hollow and its potential and actual negative impact on surrounding lots, neighbor's on Mt. Gilead Church Rd., and existing as well as future homeowners it was immediately removed.

Please know that I initiated the inclusion of this historic asset into The Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. as a National Historical Registered property when I owned the property. I made the capital outlay for site preparations and restorations that enhanced the site for acceptance into their portfolio. I have marketed The Hamptons from inception with the tag line "Become a Part of the History" which I created. I have always been proud to market the **residential** historical attributes of the homeplace.