

November 17, 2012

Chatham County Commissioners
Chatham County Planning Board
Chatham County Planning Director
Chatham County Zoning Administrator

RE: Opposition to Re-Zoning Lot 17 The Hamptons

I am Bill Lam, the former head Coach of the UNC-Chapel Hill Wrestling Program. I spent 30 years in UNC athletics. Through my company Wrestling for Life, I am a motivational speaker and conduct leadership seminars throughout the country. I moved to Michigan in 2004 with my wife Marilyn to care for her ill mother. We moved back to the area and did not have any intentions of building or living in Chatham County. In our extensive search we fell in love with The Hamptons for its pastoral character and privacy that each of the large estate lots present. We love Pittsboro and the special charm it offers. We have invested significant dollars in our residence as this is our "final" home. We are currently renting in Chatham County now while our Hamptons' home is nearing its completion.

Just the other day I spoke to Sam, my Realtor, and I approached him and inquired, "Why have these large white tents have been up on Lot 17 for two weeks and what is happening?" I was informed of the rezoning and the business activities that would be allowed if a rezoning was approved and I strongly oppose it. This rezoning could devastate the character of the neighborhood and values. If I was aware of the rezoning, I would not have purchased in The Hamptons. The rezoning is not to the benefit of the residents and future homeowners in The Hamptons.

I will be moving into my newly constructed home inside of The Hamptons within the next couple of months. The purpose of this letter is to allow it to formally serve as my opposition to the rezoning of Ward's Hollow from residential to commercial. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on Nov. 19th and not able to personally speak at the public hearing. Please let this letter emphasize my strong feelings to reject this rezoning.

Sincerely,

Bill Lam

Lot 7 Homeowner (The Hamptons)