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**Letter to The P & Z regarding the Aradev Proposal for the Wake Robin Inn**

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To The Editor re Wake Robin Inn.pdf;

Dear Member os the Planning and Zoning Commission:

Attached please find a letter from me and my husband regarding the Aradev proposal for redeveloping and expanding the Wake Robin Inn. We kindly request that it be entered into the record.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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To the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury:

My husband and I have attended every Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission Zoom meeting regarding the Aradev proposal to redevelop and expand the Wake Robin Inn. Despite repeated attempts by the developer to adjust their hotel expansion plans to accommodate objections to it, we think the current proposal, if approved, will still destroy Lakeville.

We say this because of a simple fact the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission has never acknowledged: Lakeville is not Salisbury. While the Commission talks about Lakeville as if we are simply a “part” of Salisbury, we are, in fact, a small village located within the Town of Salisbury. Lakeville is its own statistical geographical place, subject to its own census count, possessing its own zip code, and defined by a clear boundary.

These are not distinctions without a difference. Like all villages within towns throughout the Northeast (such as Millerton, NY, located in the Town of Northeast, NY), we depend on our town for our governance. But giving those living in Lakeville due justice requires the Planning and Zoning Commission understand that our village has its own history, identity, and local characteristics that distinguish us from the Town of Salisbury.

It's critical to remember that the population of Salisbury (from the 2023 census) is 4,206; the population of Lakeville (from the 2023 census) is 641. We are 15 percent of the population of our governing town. The Village of Lakeville, and particularly the residential neighborhood surrounding the Wake Robin Inn, will be irrevocably destroyed by the addition of a high-end hotel with a restaurant seating 180 people that also offers itself as a destination site for party events. There could be many party nights where the guests at a given party event add up to 300 people—almost half the population of Lakeville. By comparison, The White Hart Inn, located in the business section of Salisbury, offers only 16 rooms and has a restaurant seating only 54 people.

Would the Planning and Zoning Commission please acknowledge that Lakeville is a small village? That the outsized hotel proposed for our village goes against the nature of our town? That it will bring hundreds of additional cars into Lakeville? That the quality of life of those of us who live in Lakeville will deteriorate? That our property values will decline? And that if a poll were taken of all 641 of us who live in Lakeville it would show the vast majority of us do not want this?

We urge the Planning and Zoning Commission to do the right thing and vote this proposal down.

Yours truly,

Laurie Fendrich  
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