

Good Evening,

I would like to address a few things that have been brought to my attention over the last few days. There have been several conversations on social media and I would like to clear up the misconceptions.

We are all residents of the same town, the Town of Dover. If you want us to succeed as a town we all need to come together.

One misconception is that the Town Board is not allowing a grocery store to come to our town. The town would greatly benefit from a local grocery store but unfortunately our demographics will not support a grocery store. I have approached several stores and they have said the same thing; our town cannot support the amount of volume that they need in order to consider having a store here. If anyone has ideas of who else to contact, please let me know and I will contact them and ask if they will consider coming to Dover.

Dollar General has decided to establish a store in our town; this is a great start to the redevelopment of our town. We will have a place to shop for many items that we now have to go out of town to get. The success of Dollar General may attract other businesses to our town.

Also, the Town Board cannot prevent anyone from purchasing land and then building on that land. Everyone who purchases land must follow the zoning codes. There are rules they must follow from the building department, planning board, zoning board, lawyers, engineers and planners who go over all the paperwork. There are no special privileges given to anyone. The Town also has to adhere to the rules set by Dutchess County and the State of New York.

As of today, no newly purchased land has been taken off the tax rolls.

The Town Board meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall. The Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings are also televised live on DTV, channel 22 on Cablevision. All meetings are open to the public, everyone is invited to attend the meetings. Twice during the Town Board meeting the public is invited to comment on any agenda item and on any topic they would like to discuss with the board.

The Town Board and I are here for you. I am usually at Town Hall at 126 East Duncan Hill Road every day. I can be reached at 845-832-6111 extension 110 or on my cell phone at 845-656-2235 to make an appointment and I will make myself available to answer questions.

Please remember we are all neighbors and we are one community working for the same goal: a better Dover.

Linda French

