

**AMENIA PLANNING BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTES TO ACCEPT  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR SILO RIDGE RESORT COMMUNITY**

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***Major Pre-Development Milestone Reached for Proposed Golf Resort Community;  
Two Public Presentations Scheduled to  
Provide Overview of FEIS for Community Members***

The proposed Silo Ridge Resort Community took a major step forward on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> when the Planning Board of Amenia unanimously voted to accept the project's Final Environment Impact Statement (FEIS) and deemed it to be complete as part of the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). The unanimous vote was met with a round of applause from the crowd of Amenia residents who gathered at Town Hall to witness the proceedings.

“We are extremely pleased to have reached this critical point in the SEQR process, and we were delighted by the overwhelmingly positive community response,” said Mike Dignacco, vice president of construction for Millbrook Ventures. “The Planning Board and its consultants provided meticulous guidance in the preparation of the FEIS, and we appreciate the extraordinary amount of work they have done and continue to do. By working together to address the Board's concerns and respond to comments from the community, we believe our proposal now strikes a wonderful balance between providing the growth the town desires and preserving what is best about Amenia.”

The FEIS is the result of a five-year collaboration with the Planning Board, its consultants, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, local and state officials and one of the most renowned design and consulting teams in the world which includes Robert A.M. Stern Architects, The Chazen Companies, Ernie Els Design and Audubon International. The exhaustive document includes a thorough visual assessment with photo simulations, renderings and a video simulation as well as an extensive ecological analysis complete with a Natural Resources Management Plan and a Habitat Management Plan.

A copy of the FEIS is available for public review at both the Amenia Public Library and Town Hall and can also be accessed through the town's official website. Two presentations have been scheduled to provide community members with an overview of the information contained in the FEIS. The first will be held Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Silo Ridge Country Club. The second will be held Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Town Hall. The September 29<sup>th</sup> presentation will be recorded and broadcast on the local cable access channel.

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