

A developer from Kingston plans a 40-unit housing complex of affordable homes on Cookingham Farm. State grant funding is needed for infrastructure for 40-unit homes per Robert McKeon on Wednesday July 26, 2023. Single family home and multi-family units for rent and sale.

Formed in 1981 Rupco in 1983, began administering Ulster County Section 8 housing programs. No representative from Rupco attended the meeting McKeon said.

The purchase of the land will be finalized in August 2023. The town will sell 12 acres to Rupco. McKeon did not disclose the price and could not be reached for comment Thursday July 27, 2023.

Two story and multi-family rental units are to be in an apartment building on North Broadway (route 9) clustered together 40 units on 12 acres.

McKeon said numerous upgrades are needed, water, sewer, electric, phone, storm drains, rock removal, tree clearing erosion and sediment control. Also, a call for extension of Graves Street. (2 cars have a hard time passing in different directions.)

With this project the wastewater produced will be 10,460 gallons per day. Red Hook is already producing 36,800 gallons daily, this would bring us to a capacity of 47,400 per day. This is an estimate only. This will push the wastewater capacity to the max.

Wastewater plants must be upgraded once the water flow exceeds 95%. As a result, this project would require a town upgrade, a costly project for the Town of Red Hook.

McKeon said as part of the process it would include a meeting for town and village residents to voice their opinion. As of this time McKeon has not set a date.

In closing:

1. We are not the Red Hook Realty Company; we are the Town of Red Hook. Cookingham Farm was in the family for years, it should have been sold by them to other farmers to keep those beautiful corn fields that we love to see coming into Red Hook. The Red Hook Town land grab should never have happened.
2. Supervisor Robert McKeon has misled us (see the Red Hook Town Board website, and go to minutes, meeting February 22, 2023) quote "McKeon answered the number is not yet know but it is thought to be between 12-18 single family homes" this has now ballooned into a 40-unit two story apartment building with multi-family rentals. It was supposed to be single family homes.
3. Rupco, the possible builder has been glorified by McKeon in his article on The Daily Catch. Investigate this builder for yourself, he has built in Kingston and his development does not fit the landscape or character of our town.
4. This town board needs to be more open with its residents and stop voting 5 to 0 on every issue. Also spending 5 million dollars and a 40-unit complex without knowing about it.
5. There has not yet been a meeting set for this 40 unit complex. Keep your eyes open for this. We need to go to this meeting with all residents to voice your opinion.

We have the right. Please get more involved in the upcoming town board meetings. There is only a handful of residents at the meetings.

Please give the Town a call to voice your opinion at 845-758-4622.

Thank you for reading this, please get more involved in your community.

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