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PUBLIC TRANSIT DIVISION

August 7, 2023
Chairman Peter Galotti
Zoning Board of Appeals
20 Middlebush Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

RE: Alpine Commons: 1404 US-9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Dear Chairman Galotti:

Dutchess County Public Transit has been made aware of Dakota Partners' intent to develop a 144-unit workforce housing project to be located within the Alpine Commons shopping center at 1404 US-9 in the Town of Wappinger, New York.

The proposed project, Alpine Commons, is in a primary location of interest for Dutchess County Public Transit due to the serviceability of Route A, which currently operates adjacent to the project site on Route 9. Dutchess County Public Transit's Route A: Poughkeepsie Transit Hub to Fishkill/Walmart & Dutchess Mall operates on a fixed schedule, 7 days a week. Dutchess County Public Transit welcomes the development of more housing within proximity to our services.

Currently, the Alpine Commons shopping center does not have a dedicated bus stop on Route A at the project site but does have a flag stop on Route 9 at the entrance to Alpine Common. Dutchess County Public Transit has interest in working with Dakota Partners, the developer of Alpine Commons, to design and implement a plan to create a more accessible dedicated bus stop at the project site for its residents and the customers of the Alpine Commons shopping center.

Other transportation services that are offered by Dutchess County Public Transit include on-demand ADA Complementary Paratransit services and Dial-A-Ride services. These transportation services will be made available to the residents of Alpine Commons.

On behalf of myself and the Dutchess County Public Transit, I urge favorable consideration of this project which will provide residents with safe access to regularly occurring public transit operated by Dutchess County Public Transit.

Sincerely,

Director of Public Transit