

## Town Clerk

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**From:** Megan Barber <meganbarber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:58 PM  
**To:** Mark Witmer; Cal Snow; Irene Weiser; John Fracchia; Tim Murray; Town Clerk  
**Subject:** Comment for Public Hearing

Dear Town Board,

I may not be able to join the Zoom meeting tonight, so am emailing you my comments.

Thanks for your consideration, and I hope you are all doing well!  
Megan

Hello. My name is Megan Barber and I live at 200 Creamery Road. I grew up in the Town of Caroline and moved back here 3 years ago to raise my son here the same way I was raised – surrounded by farms, family, the beauty of our fields and forests, and the kindness of our neighbors.

I am speaking tonight in favor of the moratorium.

Over the past year, the planning board has been engaging our town in these very conversations – through surveys and potluck meetings - to articulate our community's shared vision for our future, a vision which includes supporting local businesses and preserving our town's rural character.

Now we are faced with the possible siting of a Dollar General in our town, a development which is in direct opposition to our shared vision.

It's important for the town, as a whole, through the language of the comprehensive plan, to voice its vision and to do what we can to enact that vision, guiding new development in our town so that it is consistent with our vision and shared values.

I urge the Town Board to enact the moratorium so that the planning board has time to finish the comprehensive plan and I urge you to not be swayed by urgency. We owe it to ourselves, and to potential developers, to clearly express our vision for our town, so that any potential developer can be thoughtful in deciding whether or not it makes sense to develop in our town.

The developer of the Dollar General, Mr. Gage, is not from Caroline, and it seems that he sees our community as poor, lacking, and ripe for a discount store that will take from our pockets to line his own.

We know the truth. That here in Caroline we are rich in fertile farmland, in caring neighbors, in hard working citizens. We know what's best for ourselves, our children, and our land.

Please enact the moratorium so we can have our say. Thank you.