

## Public Hearing to Eliminate Architectural Review Board

I fail to see the purpose of eliminating the ARB under the guise of streamlining the approval process, with the status Tuxedo Farms still a question with the possibility of another entity in Dragonscape why would we want to eliminate the safeguards of an ARB. In addition the Renaissance Faire Property and Warwick Brook property along with other potential projects need to be taken into consideration.

I believe we need to ensure that a level of quality of any development is maintained, with respect to Tuxedo Farms the Design Guidelines were developed as an important component to the Special Permit that was granted to Related. These guidelines contain detailed architectural requirements that need to be reviewed by ARB members who have professional expertise. Why would we want to eliminate this? What happened to the Robert Stern designs when this project was first approved back in 2004?

Any discussion about the elimination of the ARB needs to include a discussion of the Town Law in regard the Planning Board. I fail to understand why the Town Board is ignoring its responsibility to provide for the approved (7) member Planning Board. What is the status and how does this relate to the ARB.

I firmly believe It would best for the town and the process to have an ARB to evaluate building elevations, aesthetics, materials, style, color etc., these Boards must be keep separate, as they have separate responsibilities.

Another concern I have is that it seems the public weighs in and although the vast majority of the speakers would like to see the planning board with (7) members to allow the addition of qualified candidates or to keep the ARB it seems that the majority of the board ignores the voice of the people they were elected to represent. However