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Subject: "Tourist Home" Special Use Permit application designation for 4443 West Lake Rd.

I am writing in support of the "Tourist Home" Special Use Permit application designation for 4443 West Lake Rd.

Past Town of Canandaigua records indicated that the "House on the Hill" property is one of the Town's top view sheds on Canandaigua Lake. I expect that the house and property will be a restful place for visitors to rest from their labors as caregivers. Too many "caregiver" programs are oriented towards activity and programs, rather than self-directed activities or quiet enjoyment of time away from caring for a loved one. The site is ideally suited for such an activity and has easy access to many nearby resources for a visitor to the House and the Finger Lakes, hosted by the owner, Christine Farren.

The service may be rare or unique, in Canandaigua, but not unusual. For many reasons, stated below, I expect an increasing need for caregiver services in Canandaigua.

In the last two decades, I have worked on professional and communications specialties in Telemedicine, Meaningful Use of healthcare technology, chronic care monitoring, wellness, education, interactive learning and more. I work with the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and the Healthiest District Initiative Steering Committee in order to improve the use of communications between the participating organizations (Internet, webinars, videoconferencing, community dashboards, etc.). Locally, I have worked with BOCES, schools, community partners and several Cornell Cooperative Extensions to encourage better consumption of locally grown foods (part of a broader initiative, begun in 2006, to involve students in healthier lifestyles and better food procurement by school food services).

Many of the technology and community initiatives focus to stem the significant increase in the number of community residents who have (or will develop) one or more chronic conditions which

shorten lives and affect their quality of life. While some conditions are genetic or not responsive to healthy lifestyle choices, many people are at risk for developing chronic conditions. No matter how the conditions are acquired, many people with advanced conditions are in need of chronic care by others.

Added to the number of people entering age ranges where age or illness will affect their health and quality of life, there will be a SIGNIFICANT demand for caregivers.

The “House on the Hill” project is meant to provide rest and away time for the people who provide care to others. Caregivers will most probably be supported in their time away by another family member or respite care provider. As they enjoy their time away (relaxing on the property or visiting the many attractions of the Finger Lakes Region) they may need to communicate with the cared for person’s home, relatives or respite workers.

The “House on the Hill” property has sufficient communications capability to afford the caregiver a way to communicate via phone, videoconference, Wi-Fi or Internet. Technology deployment, need be no more complicated than by adding business class cable via the same system through which the property uses, today. From those cable services, commercial off the shelf components can accommodate the communications needs of the office, visitors and guests.

I strongly support the approval of this Special Use Permit. It will add another valuable option to our Town's roster of services.