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Concerning: Town of Colonie Planning Board Oct 3rd Meeting
Review of Nigro Group's Summit at Fort Ferry

Last night, the Town of Colonie Planning Board reviewed the new site plan for the Nigro Group's mixed office and apartment complex at 33 and 45 Forts Ferry Road.

SAVE Colonie is gratified that the Planning Board is taking a good hard look at this rendition of the Nigro proposal, including assessing the project's "scale", three story height, and impact on the neighborhood's "character" and "aesthetics".

"The Town Designated Engineer suggested further analysis of the proposed project's impact upon traffic on Forts Ferry Road, already under significant traffic pressure. This project needs to be evaluated in light of the ongoing Town Comprehensive Plan process and Airport Area GEIS revision," said Susan Weber, of SAVE. "We are very pleased that the Town is giving heightened scrutiny to this, and we hope, other large projects coming up during this important Town planning process."

SAVE seeks additional opportunity for neighbors to become more meaningfully involved in such reviews, said Wendy Allen of Loudonville. "It would be most helpful to residents if the TDE's comments and other comment letters were posted on line prior to the Planning Board meetings," Allen said. "Otherwise, it's difficult for neighbors to fully participate in this process."

"While we commend the Planning Board for their handling of the Summit at Forts Ferry project last night, we seek greater transparency from our planning officials. We residents can be more helpful if we have more information ahead of time," added Weber.

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