

## Thomas Harrigan

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**To:** Village President Neil Palmer; Village Trustee Thomas Michalski; Village Trustee Patrick Kressin; Village Trustee Kim Irwin; Village Trustee George Haas; Village Trustee Katy Cornell; Village Trustee John Domaszek  
**Cc:** Thomas Harrigan  
**Subject:** Mandel SSND Elm Grove

Dear Board Members,

I'm writing with my support for the Mandel project on Watertown Plank Rd.

I am supportive of this project in Elm Grove for several reasons. I've been a resident here since 2005, and have owned three homes in the Village. I enjoy many of the services of the Village, and patronize the businesses that are here, but like many of my neighbors, I'd love to see more. My kids go to Tonawanda, and it is a great school. I know that schools and services are paid by taxes, and that businesses prefer to locate in communities with a vibrant and active population. Replacing an under-utilized convent that isn't on the tax rolls with a well-designed apartment and single-family-home project that brings residents (and additional spending in the village) and tax base is a great gain for Elm Grove. As many of our long-time residents age out of their homes, this will offer an option to stay in their community in a more appropriate living space. It will also make way for other families to move into those homes. Transactions of home sales will benefit all other residents by creating options for others to grow into bigger homes, increase their property values, and provide more options for housing stock in the Village. With more people living and shopping near Watertown Plank Rd, other businesses will be encouraged to locate nearby to service them (might we get a coffee shop!?!). Lastly, I find that this project keeps much of the historic character of the existing buildings, while breathing new life into the nearby structures to add architectural appeal to the community.

I hope that the board recognizes the benefit of this development to the Village and votes to approve it.

Sincerely,

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