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TOWN BOARD
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To:	Planning Board
From:	Chris Burdick
Date:	December 14, 2017
Re:	Petition Regarding Zoning Code Provisions Related to Horse Properties

As you doubtless are aware, a petition was presented to the Town Board at its December 5 meeting requesting that the Board consider adopting amendments to the Zoning Code to address concerns regarding the loss of equestrian properties in Bedford and the sentiment that we are not welcoming to property owners and prospective property owners who wish to use or convert their properties to equestrian uses. I am providing with this memorandum a copy of the petition.

Each member of the Town Board voiced her or his deep concern that we may be losing a way of life which is so integral to the character of our Town.

At the meeting speaking for the Board, I stated that I would refer the petition to the Planning Board for its consideration with a request that the Planning Board provide by February 15 to the Town Board recommendations for changes in the Zoning Code to address the bathroom/wash stall issue as an initial step. We would appreciate the Planning Board also giving consideration, which we recognize may take more time and evaluation, of other concerns which have been raised and to provide recommendations when possible and appropriate.

Our referral of this matter to your Board is not merely a matter of following the requirements of NYS law to do so, but more importantly that the Town Board has the highest regard and respect for the views of your Board.

We thank you for what we know will be a very thoughtful, thorough and sensitive review and set of recommendations.