

Stony Point supervisor: Ginsburg made first move

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A March 1 editorial, "Ginsburg eyes Stony Point waterfront," dealt with Martin Ginsburg's desire to develop a project in Stony Point now occupied by several privately owned marinas.

In that editorial, you asked the question, "Who cast the lure?" You are asking whether the Town of Stony Point contacted Mr. Ginsburg or did Mr. Ginsburg contact the town. I can answer that question in a straightforward manner. As supervisor, I was contacted by representatives of Mr. Ginsburg's company. At no time did I initiate this contact. Sometime last summer a group of marina owners informed me that Mr. Ginsburg's company had contacted them in reference to the possible purchase of their properties. I told the owners that this was a situation between private parties and that the town had no standing. When asked I did respond by saying that I would be interested in what benefits would result for the town. Later that summer, I was asked to lunch with Town Board member Tim O'Neil and a representative of Mr. Ginsburg's company. At that meeting some further ideas were discussed that involved the possible development of the area in question. The last meeting I had was with Town Board member Stephen Cole-Hatchard and several of Mr. Ginsburg's representatives at the Harbors at Haverstraw. We took a tour of that property.

That has been the sum of my meetings with Mr. Ginsburg's company. I did not "cast the lure." I reiterate my strong opposition to the use of eminent domain to benefit a private enterprise.

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