

To: Croton-on-Hudson Village Trustees

Croton-on-Hudson Planning Board

July 14, 2021

Re: John Ealer Submission July 7, 2021

Dear Village Trustees,

Thank you for taking the time to visit the Hudson National storage area, listening to the professionals, and focusing your review on the facts provided. The following is in response to Mr. Ealer's July 7, 2021 letter to you.

All chemicals, oil drums and fertilizer are stored as regulated by the New York State DEC and the Hudson National Environment Management plan. The pictures below show filled containers stored in their designated location.



Oil Drums Stored in the main HN Maintenance facility.



Only fertilizer and soil surfactants are purchased in 275 gal IBC totes. The totes are stored in the self-contained pesticide storage building.

- No pesticides, chemicals, lubricants, oils, or liquid fertilizers are stored at the ancillary storage area.
- All containers (55 gal drums, 275 gal IBC totes) stored at the ancillary storage area are empty and awaiting recycling pick up. One of Mr. Ealer's pictures does show less than 1 gal of 14-2-14 Coron slow-release residual fertilizer. This poses no safety or environmental risk, it was not leaking, however, it should have been cleaned out properly.

- The only exception is a single 55 gal drum used to recycle kitchen cooking (vegetable) oil used for biodiesel. The company picks up the oil one time per month.



I am hopeful that the neighbors of Prickly Pear Hill Road, now that their concerns have been addressed, will soften their stance and cease dissemination of unfounded accusations. Over the past seven months I feel Hudson National Golf Club and myself have been treated very unfairly by them. The following are false and misleading statements that Mr. Ealer and the neighbors have made on the "Croton Community Facebook Page" to embarrass Hudson National, and mislead the community:

Eileen Matthews Davis

John Ealer why d d you take that picture down? Was the info incorrect?

Like · Reply · 12h

John Ealer

Eileen Matthews Davis Not incorrect at all. Just was trying to figure out a way to post all the pictures together and ran out of energy last night.



Like · Reply · 4h

John Ealer

Eileen Matthews Davis Many more pictures to share soon, but this is the kind of stuff illegally stored there, that's leeching into the groundwater, the Hudson River, etc. Keep in mind this site is supposed to be a CADDYSHACK and now it's a basically a DUMP.



Like · Reply · 4h · Edited

Jill Padawer

Where is Riverkeeper on this?

Like · Reply · 3h

Eileen Matthews Davis

John Ealer what is a caddyshack?

13h ·

This is the south west face of Prickly Pear Hill. It is the area just below the Hudson National golf course club house. All the golf course land was and is zoned residential. In 1999 the village granted a variance for a 'caddy shack' only. The image on the top is from 2002; the next from 2020 (Google earth). Hudson National has apparently systematically and deliberately defaced and polluted a major river facing section of Prickly Pear Hill. NOW they are applying for a variance!!! Village Board- do not grant this on April 5th, next Monday! See for yourselves the disregard for the environment and the community. We need a full contamination analysis. More details to come in the days ahead...



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Gem Mitchell

Here's the Google Earth image without foliage.

Prior to the Planning Board solar site walk on November 7th 2020, during the entire time that I have served as golf course Superintendent, the only concerns/communication from the neighbors I have received either through a phone call, text, e-mail, or in person from are as follows:

- March 2019: Mr. Bring contacted me about possible Hudson National staff littering on Prickly Pear Hill Road. I did not see garbage but addressed concern with staff.
- February 23, 2020: Mr. Bring asked to borrow a golf cart for a month to help his wife (Gem Mitchell) get to their house following her broken ankle and I obliged.
- February 2020: Mrs. Ealer left a message for me that I returned about tying in her property drainage to the road drainage. I said I would try to address this in the spring when the asphalt plant opens. Covid 19 forced budget cuts and labor shortage so I was unable to address the favor at that time.

- March 20, 2020: Mrs. McNatty texted me about noise early in the morning. I assured her it was a mistake by the trucking company and was corrected.
- June 2020: Mr. Bring called to ask if I could ask staff members to slow down on PPH road. I addressed this the next day with the 5 drivers that use PPHR.
- October 2020: Mrs. Reilly called and asked if I could move equipment that was visible from her property as she was listing her property to be sold. I had the equipment moved within two days.

This summarizes all actionable request from the neighbors prior to The November 7th Solar site walk.

Any suggestion that Hudson National Staff were not completely respectful, accommodating and responsive to all neighbor's request are not true. Specifically:

- There have been no complaints of potholes as Mr. Ealer mentions in his letter. I have never had any form of communication from Mr. Ealer.
- There have been no expressed complaints or concerns with drainage issues. I have never seen any drainage problems on Prickly Pear Hill road.
- There have been no complaints of odor or other noise complaints other than what was stated above.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I am available any time to answer questions or provide additional site visits.

Respectfully,

Brett Scales

Golf Course Superintendent

Hudson National Golf Club