

To the Editor:

This letter is a correction to my letter published in this newspaper on June 29 about citizen opposition to a Village Center in Holland Township

The Holland planning board opened their June 29 meeting by blasting the “misinformation” in my letter when I wrote, “The Planning Board has already passed a resolution rezoning two properties.”

The fact is there is a draft rezoning ordinance that would change two lots that currently allow one house on five acres into a high-density zone allowing apartment buildings. The family that lives on one lot objects to being rezoned.

The Holland planning board considered whether to recommend that the Township Committee adopt that ordinance. They voted unanimously for a motion “to forward this to the Township Committee for adoption,” as it says in the minutes of their October 11, 2005 meeting.

When the Township Committee got the ordinance, one member “voiced concern this may become a spot zoning type of situation. We really need to look at the Township to see if there are other areas we can put this zoning in as well,” say the minutes of their November 1, 2005 meeting.

My overall point stands. Despite assurances from township officials that there are no plans to rezone within the proposed center, the township planner was paid to write a draft rezoning ordinance, an official body recommended it for adoption, and our Township Committee put in on hold while they looked at using this high-density rezoning more widely.

That’s the real information, and it’s why Holland residents have been so distrustful.

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