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Ticonderoga Town Board  
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Attention:

Gentlemen:

"Veteran" Belkavich has been given a tremendous amount of publicity by the Press, which appears to be sympathetic to his wanting to break all existing Town mobile home ordinances and codes. Mr. Belkavich feels that because he was a member of the Armed Forces, he can call upon various Veteran's Organizations and have a spokesman for these groups persuade the members of the Town Board to either:

1. Rewrite the ordinances and codes in his favor, or
2. Issue a variance on the existing codes.

By appealing to the sympathy and emotions of the Board and some of his neighbors, along with the help of the Press, this has almost become a reality.

The officers of the Eagle Lake Property Owners' Association, of which I am President, want to remind the Board and all those concerned, that the male officers, and just about every male member of this Association, is a Veteran of the Armed Forces. Is it necessary to detail each member's contribution that he made while serving his country? With the millions of veterans in this country, can each one of us use our discharge papers as a license for breaking all existing codes? Or, should I assume that the breaking of Town Ordinances has nothing to do with one's service record?

Mr. Geisel claims to have sold Mr. Belkavich this property 20 years ago. Yet, the tax rolls did not reflect this! The deed for this property was not filed until August of this year. Can you imagine this happening in any other community, and some people believing it, without any repercussions? I'm just one of those people President Lincoln spoke of who can't be fooled all the time.

It seems to me Mr. Geisel's only interest in championing this cause is strictly financial, and if this is approved, how many more "Land Deals" will blossom throughout the area? I am afraid you will be opening a Pandora's Box, and a precedent will be set. Just about every

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hair-brained scheme derived to circumvent existing codes will have to be expected and given consideration. Please reconsider the purpose of these Town ordinances and codes, and come up with a fair decision.

It has been brought to your attention that I am the owner of a 20' Travel Trailer - a recreation vehicle. I have been towing it up to Eagle Lake for the past three summers. Each Fall it has been removed. This is a self-contained travel trailer, which cannot be categorized as a permanently located mobile home. It's purpose for being parked on my property was for sightseeing trips and used for a week or so when my parents, who are now retired, visit us from Florida. No one lives in it. If any drain water or sewage is disposed of, it is emptied through a sewage connection into our septic system.

What Mr. Belkavish has set up on his property is not a recreation vehicle, which can be hooked on and easily moved by the family car in a matter of minutes, but a permanent mobile home, which has to be shoe-horned in and set up by a professional crew. It violates all existing boundary codes, and no provisions have been made for water or sewage. Now, what is going on, and how much more of this bending over backwards must the Town Board do?

Because of the distance involved and the obligations I have, I find it impossible to make a personal appearance at the next Town Board Meeting on Thursday, December 12th. However, I intend to be at Eagle Lake over the December 14th - 15th week-end. I will be only too happy to discuss this in detail with you. Why don't you take a ride up to the Lake when I am there, take a personal visual inspection of the area with me, and find out who owns and maintains what property? After actually seeing for yourself the impact this mobile home has caused, a true evaluation of this problem can be arrived at.

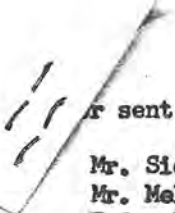
You have spent so much time listening to Mr. Belkavish's reasons for wanting to change the law. Could you possibly spend a little time with me before coming to a decision? All I ask is a postponement until I can personally speak to you. My telephone number at the Lake is 585-7350.

Sincerely,



Al Olsen, President  
Eagle Lake Property Owners' Association

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