

From: [Tom Denton](#)
To: [Ulster County](#)
Subject: Romeo Kia tax relief
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 8:22:04 AM

As a taxpayer, I find it outrageous that Romeo Kia is requesting tax relief to move its existing dealership to 9W. Romeo, with multiple local car franchises, is by all appearances a well-established and profitable business. Why should taxpayers give the ownership tax relief so that it can generate even more profit from an expanded showroom? Tax relief in this circumstance flies in the face of generally accepted uses of PILOTs and tax relief. Romeo has the resources to fund its own expansion. If it claims it does not, then it can choose to remain in its current location.

Do not authorize a taxpayer giveaway to Romeo Kia. To do so would invite charges of corruption and deepen citizens' cynicism about local government.
Tom Denton

From: [Sarah Wenk](#)
To: [Ulster County](#)
Subject: Public hearing 4/10
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:40:55 PM

Hello Rose,

I would appreciate it if you would forward this to the members of the IDA.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak last night. I always appreciate the chance to make my voice heard.

I do feel, though, that I must comment on James Malcolm's behavior toward the speakers at this hearing. I have attended many, many public hearings, and the board officials never comment or editorialize on the public's comments. Mr. Malcolm responded to every speaker, either dismissing their statements as inappropriate for the IDA to consider, or suggesting other venues for bringing them up. In my case, I felt he was actually quite rude and dismissive. At the same time, he managed to praise the applicants. The impression I got was that his mind is made up about this PILOT and he had no real interest in anything the public had to say.

I understand that as Chair, he has the right to run the meeting as he sees fit, but I do think that the more standard policy of listening and not commenting is a far better one.

As always, Rose, I appreciate your time and patience. I welcome any feedback you have on my thoughts.

Thanks,

Sarah Wenk

From: [Gmail](#)
To: [Ulster County](#)
Subject: Eagle protection
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:28:56 PM

Hello members of the IDA:

I am writing out of concern for the proposed Kia dealership in Lake Katrine.

Page 9 of the NATIONAL BALD EAGLE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service states

“Where a human activity agitates or bothers roosting or foraging bald eagles to the degree that causes injury or substantially interferes with breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior and causes, or is likely to cause, a loss of productivity or nest abandonment, the conduct of the activity constitutes a violation of the Eagle Act’s prohibition against disturbing eagles.”

Additionally, “To avoid disturbing nesting bald eagles, we recommend (1) keeping a distance between the activity and the nest (distance buffers), (2) maintaining preferably forested (or natural) areas between the activity and around nest trees (landscape buffers), and (3) avoiding certain activities during the breeding season. The buffer areas serve to minimize visual and auditory impacts associated with human activities near nest sites. Ideally, buffers would be large enough to protect existing nest trees and provide for alternative or replacement nest trees.

The size and shape of effective buffers vary depending on the topography and other ecological characteristics surrounding the nest site. In open areas where there are little or no forested or topographical buffers, such as in many western states, distance alone must serve as the buffer.

In addition to the physical features of the landscape and nest site, the appropriate size for the distance buffer may vary according to the historical tolerances of eagles to human activities in particular localities, and may also depend on the location of the nest in relation to feeding and roosting areas”

Has anyone consulted with the DEC or US Fish and Wildlife Services? It doesn’t seem like enough research has been put into this project. I’m not opposed to businesses expanding. I do object if it’s going to put this majestic bird in danger.

I urge the members to consider the environmental implications and table this proposal. There are too many unanswered questions to move forward.

Thank you,
Jessica Van Kleeck

Sent from my iPhone