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HORNIK OPPOSES TREE RECYCLING FACILITY

Atlantic Tree to Seek Approval from County Freeholders

MARLBORO – Mayor Jon Hornik formally announced his opposition to a proposal to locate a tree recycling facility on Tennent Road in Marlboro. The Marlboro Zoning Board had originally scheduled Atlantic Tree Realty LLC’s proposal for a public hearing on February 21, 2012.

“The site is within a residentially zoned neighborhood and is inconsistent with the surrounding uses,” said Hornik. “This is just not the type of clean ratable we’re looking to attract. Further troubling is the close proximity of this proposed facility to the Marlboro Early Childhood Learning Center, and nothing is more important than our children’s safety.” Hornik added.

After the meeting began, Atlantic ultimately asked to be removed from the agenda and did not submit to a public hearing. It is now anticipated that Atlantic Tree will file a formal application with the Monmouth County Solid Waste Advisory Council and seek approval from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

“This is a blatant attempt to sidestep a public discussion of this application in Marlboro,” said Hornik. “The residents of this community will be directly impacted by this proposal, and their concerns must be heard and addressed. I will do everything in my power to ensure that this application is returned to its rightful jurisdiction before the Marlboro Zoning Board.”

The Township has registered its objections and expressed its concerns about the proposal’s threat to public health and safety in a meeting with County officials last week.

“I am committed to protecting the health and safety of the Township’s citizens and will not only appear to object to any County approval but will further pursue any and all legal remedies challenging such approval,” said Hornik. “I urge all Township residents to join me in fighting this proposal before the County Board of Chosen Freeholders to defend the character of our neighborhoods and the health and safety of our residents.”

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