

For Immediate release

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Re: Village of Rhinebeck reaches agreement with Rhinebeck Gardens LLC

Mayor Jim Reardon is pleased to announce that the Village of Rhinebeck has signed a contract With Rhinebeck Gardens LLC to provide Water and Wastewater services to the residential condominium complex being built in the town of Rhinebeck known as "The Gardens". "When the project was initially started the Village of Rhinebeck doubled the capacity of the wastewater plant at a cost of 1.6 million dollars that was bonded. The Gardens is a project that has been through several incarnations and developers, that has never been successfully completed and unfortunately there were no guarantees in place that would provide that the Village would recoup the cost of the bond. Due to the repeated failure of the project, for the last ten years the users of the wastewater system have been bearing the cost of paying the bond and have seen their rates increase significantly" states Reardon. The Gardens LLC is a group of developers consisting of Joe Kirchoff, David Silver and Rob Dyson. Reardon goes on to state "These gentleman are local residents that have an interest in seeing this project come to a successful conclusion and be something that both they and the community of Rhinebeck can be proud of. I and the Village board were firm in our conviction that we would no longer allow the wastewater users to bear the cost of this bond due to failure. These gentlemen sat across the table from myself and Trustee Brant Neuneker and through open and honest negotiation we reached an agreement that will provide the service the developer needs to complete the project and at the same time guarantee that the Village will be covered if the project were to fail. I would personally like to thank Mr. Kirchoff, Mr. Silver and Mr. Dyson for bringing this important negotiation to a successful conclusion, they were a pleasure to work with. It is now our intent to get a clear picture of our current financial situation minus the bond obligation and to provide some relief to the users of the wastewater system. That will be happening in the next several months".