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Using Peaceful Protest, Grand Island Families Demand Multiple Public Hearings Before Amazon Warehouse Vote

August 3, 2020 Grand Island, N.Y. — The Grand Island Town Board will be voting on Monday at 8 PM EST about when to hold a citizens' public hearing regarding Project Olive, the proposal to build a 3.8 million s.f. Amazon warehouse. The public hearing would precede any vote on whether to rezone the property at 2780 Long Road from M1 light industrial to PDD and whether to accept the \$10 million incentive zoning request offered by TC Buffalo to expedite approval of the project.

Due to the tremendous scope of this project, residents are demanding multiple public hearings by participating in a peaceful protest before the meeting and by making verbal requests to the Town Board as part of the public comments portion of the meeting. In a letter to the Board, CRED4GI's attorney James Duggan stated, "equal opportunity has not been extended to citizens and interested parties to engage at the same level as those promoting the project. Due in part to the pandemic and its limitations, the process has not allowed for the public to receive answers to questions that would enable them to make an educated decision about the project."

CRED4GI spokesperson Cathy Rayhill stated in a public meeting at the Alt Family Farm Friday evening that "almost 1 in 5 Grand Island residents is over the age of 65. How fair is it to them or others who may not have access to online resources to attend Town Board meetings to receive information and provide feedback?"

WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

- PEACEFUL PROTEST BEGINS: 5 PM EST AT TOWN HALL
- WORKSHOP MEETING BEGINS: 6 PM EST ON YOUTUBE:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChImALKLBX0ZJnhE0bSutSQ>

- TOWN COUNCIL MEETING BEGINS: 8 PM EST ON ZOOM

WHERE: GRAND ISLAND TOWN HALL, 2255 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY 14072, AND ON ZOOM: