

At this point in time, there is no approved site plan available to build an Industrial Slaughterhouse of any size in Sherburne Township. The Central New York Meats, LLC proposal was withdrawn and denied “without prejudice” by the Town Planning Board at its January meeting. The 2015 approved All-In-Meats site plan is no longer available or useable. As with any other resident, Mr. Webb always has the right to bring to the table for site plan approval any type of business he chooses to be located on his property. It is our hope that it would not be one as controversial.

When controversy exists, it is often difficult to stand up for what you believe to be true. RUAIS planning team is proud of the 800+ residents who signed petitions, those who researched data, posted signs, wrote letters and articles, those who read articles, shared thoughts and decided that the potential negatives outweighed the positives of positioning a large industrial meat processing plant in our community.

We wish to thank the Sherburne News for its unbiased and excellent coverage of the issues and thank our Town Planning Board members, Town Supervisor and Town and Village Clerks for the additional time and energy expended on a comprehensive and difficult issue.

The issue has been a learning experience for all involved. It demonstrates the need of citizens, regardless of what side of the fence they are on, to be active participants in their community by staying informed, by voting, by volunteering to sit on boards and committees or as an elected official. However time consuming and thankless these tasks, a small community will thrive with the involvement of its citizens. Your voice can be heard. It is small communities such as ours that prove to be the best example of democracy.

Residents United Against Industrial Slaughterhouse