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Chris Patten persists

By Cathy DeDe

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Despite opposition including from Mayor Dan Hall, **Chris Patten is holding firm** to his plan to buy and develop the wedge of current green space he is under contract to buy from 333 Glen at the intersection of Glen and Bay Streets.

Now he envisions building 43 apartments, with no mixed use.

He told *The Chronicle* he plans to submit "fully comprehensive, fully conforming plans that will meet all GC-1 [General Commercial-1] requirements" in time to make the agenda of the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 6.

Mr. Patten terms "unattainable" the Planning Board's call that he obtain an easement from 333 Glen to guarantee parking spots in the garage adjacent to the Travelers Insurance build-

Calls parking easement demand unfair; says it forced him to eliminate green space.

The Glens Falls Business Improvement District has this rendering of a possible park even as Chris Patten still aims to build apts. at the corner of Glen and Bay Streets.



Drops his mixed-use development plan, will seek OK for 43-apartment building even as Glens Falls eyes park by eminent domain

ing.

He says it "forced me to rescind the offer giving the City 44 percent of the property to use as a park, which I had also offered to build myself. Now I will have to use the whole lot, in order to contain the parking on the site." He notes that the front tip of the lot, closest to the Civil War monument, is already City property.

Mr. Patten said the constraints also led him to make the project all-residential, without first-floor commercial or retail.

He said he will "come forward with my strongest approach that conforms to all the requirements, meets green space, storm water, parking requirements — and the building will be beautiful. It will still mimic the old

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Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

Fitzy the barber of Fort Edward

By Mark Frost

Chronicle Editor

"Fitzy" Fitzsimmons grew up on Third Street in Glens Falls, graduated from St. Mary's Academy and fondly recalls the heyday when downtown sidewalks on Thursday nights filled with "people going out to meet people."

But Fitzy, given name Harold Patrick, is wholly Fort Edward now. "I came down here in '62 and been here ever since. It's my 59th year," says the proprietor of

Turns 80, goes to work; stories to tell

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Wash. County Dems: Abolish the filibuster

The Washington County Democratic Committee said in a press release it "supports Former President Barack Obama, a growing number of Senators, and millions of Americans who are calling for an end to the filibuster, a relic of anti-progressive

activism. It is past time that U.S. Senators dispose of this archaic and fundamentally undemocratic device and get to the work the American people sent them to Washington to do.

"The filibuster is a procedural wall that allows the minority party to block legislation from advancing in the Senate...It does not foster helpful debate nor

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CB Sports used Salem shirt factory in 1980s

Mark,

For what it's worth, the factory in Salem was used by CB Sports to manufacture — yes, actually produce — ski clothing in the 80's. Mainly parkas, I believe. Everybody had one, did you?

— Paul Cordes

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