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## Townhome plan advances for former Mead's Nursery



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Melissa & Chris Labrum, with their son Chase. Chronicle photo/Cathy DeDe

**By Zander Frost**  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Two years ago, when Dick Mead was still living, Foothills Builders LLC signed a contract to purchase the former Mead's Nursery property on the 11 acres that stretches from Ridge Road to Meadow Brook Road just below Quaker Road in Queensbury.

Now the project, which envisions as many as 77 townhomes and a community center, has taken a big step forward. Last week, the Queensbury Planning Board issued a positive recommendation on a zoning change, Town Senior Planner Stuart Baker con-

**Foothills Builders, 2 years later, 11 acres — would fulfill desire of late owner Dick Mead; rejected 'big box,' wanted residential**

firmed to *The Chronicle*. Now it moves to the Town Board.

Joe Leuci and his father, also Joe Leuci, own Foothills Builders, LLC. They've been under contract to buy the site since December 2020.

"We're very excited about the project," the younger Mr. Leuci said. "It's going to provide a lot of housing, which is certainly something that's been a short-

age in Queensbury of late."

He said they're planning "a lifestyle community," including a gym and space for residents to use for events and parties.

Foothills Builders plan to own and operate the property themselves. "We want to make it a place where people choose to live," Mr. Leuci said. "A lot of times people might rent an apartment because they don't feel they can afford a house. So we feel like this is going to be more of a place where people want to live."

MaryAnn Pendergrass — whose late parents Dick and Madeline Mead operated the

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## Senator: Pass \$20 minimum wage

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

Governor Kathy Hochul unveiled a proposal to index the state's minimum wage so it rises with the rate of inflation.

But State Senator Jessica Ramos, who chairs the Senate Labor Committee, immediately trumped her. She said she'll introduce legislation to "raise the wage incrementally over the next several years until it reaches \$21.25 in New York City and \$20 elsewhere in the state in 2026. After that, the minimum wage would be linked directly to the rate of inflation, according to the bill," she said.

## More letters about attacks by dogs

Hi Mark,

Regarding [your dog] Maggie, my prayers and get well wishes are with her.

There is a real issue with untrained dogs and their owners. I won't even go to the dog parks because the same people go there that let their dogs run free and are able to

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## Dems censure Peter McDevitt; he says 'they're out of line'

**By Cathy DeDe**

Chronicle Managing Editor

"The Glens Falls Democratic Committee voted unanimously... on Wednesday [Jan. 18] to censure Ward 2 County Supervisor Peter McDevitt for his personal conduct toward a fellow elected Democratic Supervisor," said a committee statement emailed to *The Chronicle*. It said, "McDevitt knowingly used his official War-

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## What's something people don't know about your town?

Last week's Chronicle Question of the Week to our digital subscribers was: What is something that most people don't know about your town? Not a ton of answers, but interesting ones.

Yuengling Beer was once brewed at the Riverside Bottling Company, Riparius, NY in the Town of Johnsburg.

— Stephen Butler, Summer resident of Riparius

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