

**From:** Bill Fetter  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2020 9:01 PM  
**To:** zoningboard@townofnewburgh.org  
**Cc:** rockwoodwatch@aol.com  
**Subject:** 28 Rockwood Drive Gun Dealership Application

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in response to the Gun Dealership public notice both posted in front of the applicant's house and mailed to surrounding houses

I am pleased to say the Rockwood community has been very active about this application. Given that, I am pretty confident you will hear or have already heard most of what I have to say from others, but I think it is important to have as broad a survey as possible.

Without belaboring each point, my list of concerns and comments includes:

- I am concerned with the character of some visitors, welcome or not. If the applicant feels the need to install protective grating and bolt a safe to the floor, how are we as neighbors supposed to feel comfortable?

- The Town has a regulation prohibiting a business being run out of a home. I believe that has been the case since prior to the applicant purchasing the residence. It is also an attractive feature for the entire subdivision and other neighborhoods in Town. The residents, both kids and now adults have gotten to know each other given the pandemic and are spending much more time circulating in the streets. It's wonderful.

I suspect others have white collar business in their homes but that means only FedEx & UPS daily, not private vehicles shopping for and eventually carrying out small arms.

- Finally, I wish to point out the fact that the applicant is requesting a use variance.

I believe that one of the criteria for qualifying for a use variance is the source of hardship imposed on the applicant. Nothing I am aware of has changed in either the law or business practices to have imposed this hardship on the applicant.

In summary, this appears to be a self imposed hardship brought on by the applicant himself. There are commercial/industrial properties in the area that I would expect are zoned for firearms dealerships. I ask the that you please not allow the permit based on the above and all other valid comments.

Thanks you,

Bill Fetter

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