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Janine King  
Assistant Village Manager  
Village of Croton on Hudson  
1 Van Wyck Street  
Croton on Hudson, NY 10520

Dear Ms King,

As per our conversation on December 27, I am requesting to initiate a special permit to hold a temporary indoor farmers market in the space once used for a Block Buster Video Store on Maple Street. I would like to be considered for being on the agenda on January 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss this request with the Board.

Because of the success of the outdoor farmers markets in the region, indoor markets have taken a tentative hold as well, although being only for several months of the year, it is difficult to find suitable space. We have looked at the space on Maple Street with the leasing agent as the 3,200 square ft is very close to what we need.

The market would run Saturdays 7am-3pm inclusive of set up and break down from February to the end of May. Approximately 15 weeks if we start February 11<sup>th</sup>. The number of vendors selling on any day would be 24. The products would be similar to what one would find at a seasonal farmers market. The items are produce, including mushrooms, breads, pastry, organic nuts and nut butter, Long Island fish, pickles, meats including poultry, beef and pork and several farmstead cheese makers.

Most of the vendors drop off their product and their sales staff meets them there. They then drive on to other sites. Very few large vehicles stay at this location. About 8-10 vans and cars from the smaller vendors and their staff could park on Riverside Ave. in designated spaces. Approximately 400-450 people visited the market when it was located in Briarcliff although I don't expect the number to be as high in this location. The greatest number of shoppers came during the hours of 9-11am.

If we get an approval for this I would like to request a reduction of the permit fee as this is a temporary use of the space. Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions you have at the board meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Miriam Haas  
Director, Community Markets.