First Day Assignment 1/14/16

This Assignment is meant to provide you with a real life introduction to the Course, and an overview of various of the topics we will explore during the Semester.

All course materials are available on TWEN.

Read in this Order:

1. Memorandum of Law In Support of Motion to Dismiss (Wilson Elser)
2. Memorandum of Law In Further Support of French American School (Zarin & Steinmetz)
3. Reply Memorandum of Law (Wilson Elser) (Optional)
5. Maps
6. Cases:
   a. Cornell University v. Bagnardi
   b. Kaskel v. Impellitteri
   c. Borducci v. City of Yonkers (Optional)

General Issues for Discussion:

1. What is the land use issue here – who are the players and their respective roles?
2. How does local zoning factor into the controversy?
3. What is a special use?
4. What is the SEQRA process?
5. What is the tension between a legislative and discretionary action?
6. Why did the Common Council determine that they did not have to vote on the Site Plan Application?
7. How would you describe the positions of the various Common Council members, and the possible motivating factors?
8. What is the significance of the Cornell Decision here?

Look forward to meeting you.

Professor Zarin