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Townhouse Project Under Way

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LIBERTY – People in Liberty likely already know where Schoolbell Townhouses will be.

Signs for the new development are on almost every tree and pole leading to the site, where 68 units will be created in ten buildings.

The 14-acre property on Timberwolf Road has a projected construction cost of \$4,950,000 according to its financiers: Astoria Federal Savings, which provided the loan to developers Peter Belgard (the owner of Belgard Realty) and Jerry and Jeremy Gorelick.

Unveiled Wednesday, the project is the first for the Gorelicks, who are originally from Long Island. Jeremy has already purchased a home in Liberty, and the two have already proposed a major housing development in the Town of Fallsburg.

The developers are expecting a brisk sale and believe the housing market in Sullivan County can use homes like the ones they are offering. The units range in size from 800 to 1,500 square feet, according to the senior Gorelick.

The price range is \$119,000 to \$140,000. They have already cleared a major portion of the site for the housing. On Wednesday, they rang a bell in place of a groundbreaking ceremony.

The Gorelicks said their target will be those in the Sullivan County workforce.

Dr. Martin Handler, the District Superintendent for Sullivan County BOCES, said “One of the issues we have in attracting teachers to the area is affordable housing. It’s just the kind of housing that will help us recruit teachers for our schools.”