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Situated on the east shore of Lake George next to YMCA Camp Chingachgook

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Pilot Knob Marina sold

By Zander Frost & Mark Frost
 Chronicle Staff Writer & Editor

After 35 years, **Nick Barber and Mike Smith have sold** Pilot Knob Marina on Lake George to **John "JD" Donnelly**, a Massachusetts healthcare software entrepreneur, for just under \$3-million.

"It's one of those things where it's bitter-sweet," Mr. Barber told *The Chronicle*. "We just think it was time."

"Neither one of us have children. There's nobody to follow us up. And you know, we're not getting any younger. That's the big thing."

Mr. Donnelly, 52, interviewed Tuesday from his Massachusetts corporate office via Zoom, said of the purchase, "I'm built for this." He said he's been coming

to Lake George as "long as I can remember, since I was about yea high. My parents had a place up on Cleverdale, Warner Bay."

He said he's committed to the marina and expanding its operations. "I don't want to see condos on this property as long as I am sitting behind the wheel," the *Albany Business Review* quoted him.

Pilot Knob Marina encompasses a quick-launch and service facility on the lake and extensive storage areas nearby.

It also has a **sales showroom** on Route 149 in Queensbury that Mr. Donnelly indicated **immediate plans to replace**.

"That's imperative," he told *The Chronicle*. "This is what I'm excited about."

He said he wants it to make an Adirondack statement. "My family has a business," Mr. Donnelly said. "You ever buy a gun from Cabela's or Bass Pro Shop and see those little red locks? Trigger locks on the gun itself. Every single one of those locks my family sold to Cabela's."

"...So you walk into those stores, and those big pillars when you come in — that feel

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\$3-million; Massachusetts tech entrepreneur, 52; long-time Lake George visitor; expansion plan

Brent McDevitt's wife

Dear Mark:

My name is Jennifer Imrie McDevitt. I am a lifelong resident of Warren County. My husband Brent is a candidate in this November's race for the Warren County Board of Supervisors, representing the Town of Queensbury.

I am writing to tell you about the Brent that I and my son Reagan know and love. Brent and I were married six years ago but have been together for many years prior.

I was a divorced single mom, working two jobs to keep the household ship afloat. Brent entered our lives and became an amazing step-father to my son Reagan. As

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McDevitts' detractor

Dear Editor,

I am appalled by the history of Brent McDevitt and certainly will not vote for the man on election day.

But now I watched and later heard about the incident at the Warren County Board of Supervisors meeting on Friday, 10/16/21.

Mr. Travis Whitehead was talking about his attempts to obtain NYS Corrections Dept. information on Brent McDevitt, which is certainly relevant when filling out your ballot for the Board of Supervisors.

His comments were allowed per County Resolution 312 of 2015. Privilege of the floor in

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