

June 19, 2025

To the Town of Windham Planning Board,

Regarding 25-12: Webb Road Retirement Community:

We are writing to share our concerns regarding the proposed 53-unit development planned directly across from our home on Webb Road. When we purchased our property last year, it was with the intent of living in a peaceful, rural setting surrounded by natural beauty. The prospect of that wooded lot becoming a dense subdivision is disheartening.

While we understand the importance of adding housing, we ask the Board to consider the following reasonable requests to help preserve the character of Webb Road and the quality of life for existing residents:

- **Vegetated Public Road Buffer:** A vegetated buffer along Webb Road that extends to a depth of at least 50 feet. This would substantially minimize the visual impact of the new development and help maintain the rural character of the street. The lot currently features mature trees along the roadside that contribute greatly to the natural beauty of the area; preserving them would benefit both existing and future residents.
- **Street Placement:** Please consider the placement of the street into the development so that entering/exiting traffic does not interfere with entering/exiting our driveway. The developer mentioned that the entrance could be built 20-30 feet further south than on the proposed site map as we really do not want our driveway to become part of a 4-way intersection.
- **Additional Parking:** If additional parking is deemed necessary, we ask that it be placed inside the development—not near the road frontage—and not at the expense of the vegetated buffer.
- **Street Lighting:** Webb Road presently has no street lighting. If lights are to be installed within the development, we respectfully ask that they be designed and positioned so as not to shine into the two homes located directly across from the project.
- **Sidewalk:** The grade along this section of Webb Road is steep and challenging. If a sidewalk is included in the plan, we ask that its construction not require the removal or significant alteration of the vegetated buffer.

We ask you to consider these not as obstacles to development, but as opportunities to ensure this project integrates thoughtfully and respectfully with its surroundings. Webb Road is a quiet, rural stretch with only a few homes and an abundance of wildlife. We want to share the natural beauty of this place with future neighbors—not see it erased.

We are not opposed to growth. We are in favor of growth that is conscientious, well-integrated, and designed with the community in mind. We believe the Board has the ability and responsibility to guide this development toward that outcome.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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