

Dear Town Councilors and Planning Board members,

I just got an email from Bob Muir that the town council is looking into having a future meeting about Growth in Windham. I applaud the council for acting on this. When will this be? Can we slow things down until we have this discussion?

I want to thank the Planning Board members, especially Bill Walker and Keith Elder, for beginning the discussion about what rural development means, look into possibly doing a land inventory to save high priority land, and how cluster subdivisions fit into that, if they do, at last Thursday's Special Planning Board meeting. My neighbors and I are looking forward to the opening this to the public on Monday, October 22's meeting. Amanda said the discussion should be specific to amending the cluster subdivision Ch. 140, sections 300, 400 and 900. She also said that we should schedule this broader discussion later in the year.

We, in South Windham, don't feel like we have the luxury of putting off this discussion. I count 150 houses now being built or waiting for permits to be built within a mile of our homes: 34 (3 phases) Swett and Chute Rd., 26 farther down Chute Rd., 4 Nash Rd., 29 (2 phases) Albion Rd., 22 Highland Cliff Woods and 35 Land of Nod. This does not include at least 2 more developments on the other side of 202. This amount of densely built houses with wells and septic cannot but have an impact on our water table, streams, traffic and town services.

We can't act like its business as usual. Please let's slow down our approval of developments until our actions can catch up with our long range plans of keeping rural Windham rural.

Thanks,
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