

Comments/Concerns for Windham Planning Board re: Mystic Woods applications for public meeting on 8/12/2024.

We are residents on 40 Meredith Drive in Windham, abutting the application for access to a new subdivision as well as additional application for easement through Lot 8.

Our first concern addresses the environmental impact of both of these applications due to the following:

*We have lived here for about 4 years and during that time have witnessed issues with standing water on the road and on various lots

The so called homeowners assn is supposedly now responsible for "inspection, maintenance or reporting requirements for storm water features...including but not limited to storm drain pipes and structures, ditches and storm water ponds,,shall remain the responsibility of Mystic Woods Homeowners Association" (per letter of cession signed 11/16/2022 by Dana Lampron)

When this change was instituted, it is our understanding that there was no professional inspection of these systems thus no clear understanding of how well they have been maintained or function.

It would make sense, if there is an interest of developers to add additional residences that would impact these systems, that the town requests that they first complete a **professional inspection** of these systems before approval may be granted.

*Windham Board of Appeals held a public meeting on 9/15/2022 for an Administrative Appeal for the Notice of Violation dated June 17, 2022. The Windham Code Enforcement Department issued a :Notice of Violation/Stop Work Order stating "proper permitting was not issued for construction of the "access" road. Our understanding was that they were permitted to put in a 12 foot driveway and instead put in a 25 foot access road. This document issued a 'stop work order pursuant to Section 1001 (A), (1). As we discussed, you must restore the site to original grade and replant vegetation suited to site conditions"

This did not fully occur. This 'driveway' continues to be used periodically by a white pick up truck, driving over the curb which, we believe, the town determined could not be removed as there was not granted road access. In addition, a site inspection of this 'road' would clearly show, they did not comply with replanting vegetation 'suited to site conditions'. There is a number of downed trees along the side of the road as well as standing water and mud.

Therefore, we are requesting that the town order **an Environmental impact inspection** before these changes are approved. This request is also combined with the next concern

*Concerns re: Black Brook watershed. This 'stream" supports major water run off throughout different times of the year. It can turn a meandering stream into a fast flowing larger body of water catching run off water through the seasons. In this time of

environmental changes, increased heat and rain volume, compromising this ability to accommodate water run off is concerning in addition to removing more natural vegetation for development.

These additional concern further supports the need of **an Environmental Impact statement by professionals** not connected to the developers.

These requests are not made lightly and are intended to support/protect the land and current residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ruth Grady-Carver and Vaughn Carver