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Town of Windham

Planning Board and Planning Department

8 School Road

Windham, Maine 04062

Jenn Curtis;

My name is Becky Hagar and I live at 291 Windham Center Road, across from the end of Nash Road.

I am writing this letter as I received the letter mailed out to citizens that are within a 500 foot distance from the planned Newbury Ridge Development

I first want to express my disappointment and concern that these meetings for planning board, town council, and other boards are still taking place during this global pandemic that has stopped and changed our lives for an unknown time. I find it odd that any of these meetings are considered so important other than the money involved to the individual that they will be continued while the rest of the citizens are unemployed, fearful of getting ill or being ill. I don't see these matters being of life and death and the rest of the community is involved in possible life or death.

My first request is that all of these meetings planned for the foreseeable future be postponed until health officials have deemed our pandemic manageable. That is the right thing to do.

The letter has indicated that you can watch any meeting on Cable, connect by Zoom, write a letter or call.

I don't have cable, neither does my 86 year old mother and she has no internet either. She is also within the 500 foot distanced from the Newbury Ridge project. **There are many people in this town that do not have cable or internet, and that is not fair to them for being able to stay informed of what is happening with any project.**

In regards to the PB 20-032 20-08 Newbury Ridge Amendment;

1. This project was previously approved as a 3 lot minor residential development in 2019. How does that become an amendment turning into a 21 unit community? The property has not grown in size since the initial approval. This should be started from the being stages as would any project would have to with the town rules.
2. As discussed over and over at the initial meetings for the 3 unit development, the issue of the condition of Nash Road itself has not gone away. It is a very narrow road with the sides of the

tar crumbling each year. The traffic on Nash Road is very busy especially during the start of school and after school is out.

3. 21 units turns into 42 passengers cars minimum added to the use and deterioration of Nash Road. The matter of the ice buildup at that entrance site also will still be into play.
4. Site distance- there was much discussion about the site distance from pulling out of the drive being able to see cars coming over the hill from Windham Center Road. There should be a plan to perform an actual counting of traffic and a report done on the effect of the destruction to the already crumbling road.
5. What happens now to the body of water that has been there for over 100 years and its capability of staying alive with such development happening within yards of its banks?
6. I don't understand where the RCCFO zone came from? Was this announced on the cable station of a meeting that I don't get? We were never notified by letter.

This plan for 7 times the housing units is very disturbing to not only myself but many tax payer citizens that did not know anything about this plan.

I find this proposal to be very over the top from the initial 3 site plan that was accepted. And again how is this an amendment if the entire project is 100% changed.

I will appreciate my letter being passed on to the planning board and town manager and also being read at the 4/13/2020 meeting since we are not allowed to be present due to the Coronavirus situation. I truly feel that all of the planned meetings from now until our government officials clear the public of being able to participate in such meetings is met. **I do not feel that these issues are matter of life or death.**

Thank you for your time,

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