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Cc: Barry A. Tibbetts
Subject: Newbury Ridge Amendment?

Jenn Curtis,

My name is Dennis Hawkes and my property abuts this development; I have several concerns/questions. This project was given final approved by the planning board last year with a total of 4 houses. I was surprised to receive your letter a few days ago because I assumed everything was set.

1. I would like the town to postpone all public meetings until the CORVID 19 threat is over. Too many times local government is dismissive to the concerns of residents. I know we all have the option to write, but that gives no opportunity for board to hear what the problem is and gives no feedback to anyone other than the developer (who I assume can attend the meeting). To encourage public participation and allow verbal comments other than written statements that may or may not become part of the record. Is it that essential that a project proceed without interaction of neighbors? Looks like the town is shielding developers.
2. This appears to be a completely different Plan other than the fact that it is the same property. Going from 4 units to 22 is more than an addendum, it's a new plan. Where and when did the RCCFO come from? This neighborhood is all farm or farm residential zoned land.
3. Will there be an age requirement to purchase a home here? Has traffic been mentioned at all? I know traffic is fast on Windham Center Road and likely the same on Nash Road. The drive in is at the crest of a hill with that much additional traffic it should be discussed.
4. Can the board schedule a site walk? A site walk with house lots, driveways, trail and gazebo marked. The first plan placed the few houses closer to the Nash Road, now houses cover the 7-8 acres and place several lots on the edge of my pond. (Rules of planning board - Site walks - B.3)
5. The pond next to my house is a major priority! I know it looks like an old farm pond, but it supports a lot of wildlife, especially birds. Some years there are hundreds of various ducks and herons on the pond along with others species. The tree removal next to the pond would be a disaster for habitat of anything that depends on that area to live. That elevation located past the stonewall will wash into the pond/swamp water.
6. Can the project be smaller? By removing the four lots closest to the pond/swamp it will save a little more habitat, removing those nine units near the pond would be better.
7. I know you will provide the "politically correct" answers. The growth in town is about all the people, not a select group.

Thank you
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