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March 1, 2021

Hi Jeremy,

I'd like to take a few minutes to send my thoughts regarding the proposed zoning change for the property on Long Hill Road (lot 8-1) that begins immediately after the Sports Center on Route 66. As the property that will be directly impacted by this change (I'm within 500' of the zone change and reside at 54 Long Hill Road), I felt that it was necessary for you to hear my concerns.

There are a multitude of reasons why my wife and I oppose this change in zoning. Many relate to commercial creep, preserving the historic district (which is currently classified as rural, open space woodlands) and wetlands. The preservation of natural and historic resources are priorities for the Planning and Zoning commission as stated in the Plan of Conservation and Development. Paving and/or building within a flagged wetland and zoning commercial in a residential zone that is, consequently, a local historic district goes against the goals stated in the POCD's priorities. Many parts of our district are listed on the national register of historic places, something that our town as a whole should be proud of and fight to preserve. Setting the precedent for commercial creep must certainly be something that the POCD's plan would greatly frown upon.

My grandparents purchased this property (Titus Carrier House) in the 1940's. The house remains in our family to this day. I came back to this area from living in another town to preserve the property after my father's death in the hopes of continuing with the restoration of this historic place. As I look out my front door, the thought of having my view of this gem of a district changed by commercial buildings makes me very sad. Never did I imagine that any commercial properties could be in the eye shoot of my beautiful home, never mind outside my front door. My wife's grandmother grew up in East Hampton and often told stories about collecting water from the spring at the top of Long Hill Road. This is the portion of the property currently under zoning change consideration. What a shame to see this natural resource held in the hands of potential commercial development.

When you live in a historic district, you agree to maintain the historic appearance of your home thus preserving the district as a whole. This is a commitment and as such should be a commitment and promise from community leaders. In my opinion, commercial property should never extend into a historic district. I ask that you oppose the request for change in zoning for lot 8-1.

This letter is intended for correspondence for the planning and zoning meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. I'd appreciate the opportunity for my wife or myself to read it at that time.

Thanks so much for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

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