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Subject: Attn Wednesday 3 March meeting re Application PZC-20-026 for rezoning Map/06R-2 to C.
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Dear Mr. DeCarli,

I write to protest against the proposal by Long Hill Estates LLC to rezone Map 06/Block 12/Lot 8-1 from Residential to commercial in order to develop a parking lot.

The reasons for my serious concern are as follows:

1. The proposed development, a parking lot, will significantly degrade the quality of life in the historic eighteenth century village of Middle Haddam, which is currently designated “low density residential” precisely to conserve that historic character.
2. It will not generate jobs for the village or surrounding area; parking lots notoriously create few or no jobs.
3. It is difficult to see the purpose of such a parking lot if not the beginning of further commercial development in the village.
4. Increased volume of traffic down Long Hill Road, a lane with a church at the bottom, is not appropriate given the infrastructure in place.
4. The development of a parking lot would have a significant impact on populations of local fauna including the red-shouldered hawk, which nests in the area and whose statewide population is in marked decline.

I thank you in advance for your serious consideration of the detrimental effects of this proposal and its lack of benefits for the residents of the area concerned.

Best regards,

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