

July 9, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed Sheldon Meadow project located at 20 Hancock Street in Wrentham. My wife and I live at 46 Hancock Street and are direct abutters to the proposed project. I have lived at this address for over a decade and have been a town resident for over thirty-five years.

We have done our best to attend all meetings to gather as much information as possible about this project, including meeting with the engineer and lawyer representing the proposed project when they offered an information session to neighbors. We understand there is a need for development and housing and want to respect a landowner's right to develop land.

With that being said, my wife and I have serious concerns about the proposed project and the negative impact that the development could have on our property. Our highest area of concern is the impact on the already high water table. We currently have two sump pumps in our basement. In the past after a major storm, or winter thaw, we may pump for a day or two. In the last couple of years it's not uncommon to have standing water in our basement for three to five days after these events. The proposed project will be bringing in an inordinate amount of fill to build the proposed homes. We are extremely concerned about the effect this amount of fill and density of homes will have being so close to our property and neighboring properties.

A few years ago, our neighbors at 58 Hancock Street put in a new septic system. The installation of this new system required a large amount of fill to be brought in due to the high water table. I am 5'6" and the mound of dirt that was needed towers at least a couple of feet over me. The mound is located next to our property line. The installation of this new septic is right around when we started to get higher levels of water in our basement that are taking a longer time to recede and pump out.

The proposed project is going to be bringing in massive amounts of fill at about the same level as my neighbor's mound but on a much larger scale. The proposed retaining wall ends before my property and it appears as though we will have surface water draining towards our property. Looking at the current landscape, if there is significant rainfall it appears as though the water would proceed down my property line shared with 58 Hancock street. This would end up exacerbating the issue of flooding in our basement. Our home is typically pumping for longer periods of time than our neighbors.

We would ask the committee to closely look at the impact of the four proposed homes closest to the directly abutting Hancock properties. If the proposed project removed these four homes it appears as though the developers would be able to more gradually grade to current neighboring properties and ensure there would be a much less chance of damage to neighboring properties.

We are also very concerned about the impact this project could have on our septic and leach fields. Our septic was installed in 2011. If this project were to pass the committee should be able to guarantee direct abutters there will be no negative impact to septic systems. There also does not seem to be a clear plan of the septic system that will be installed for the new project. I ask for the committee to closely scrutinize these plans for health purposes.

Lastly, we want to thank the committee's work for ensuring the safety of current residents and that they are able to maintain their current level of living. As parents of a two year old and four month old, we want to make sure our children can grow up in a safe and healthy environment without having to worry about damages to our current property.

Thank you,

Patrick and Tara Nash