

Ledbetter, Heather

From: Michael Demers <michael.g.demers@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 9:59 AM
To: ConCom
Subject: Proposed Senior Living Community Development at 1139 West St

Hello,

I just learned of this development being planned here. I wanted to take a moment to express my concerns regarding the irreparable damage it will cause to the character of our area and express my opposition.

All my life I've gone to the Big Apple driving past this lot behind the firehouse. I never realized the importance it plays as an aquifer for drinking water though. As part of the master plan input phase, some of the priorities included preserving scenic roads and maintaining the quality of drinking water. The proposal to bring in such a significant amount of fill to be able to build tells me this is a low point in the landscape where water accumulates and enters the ground. These permeable areas are in rapid decline, causing additional runoff of pollutants into our water supply.

In building this type of development (at that particular location) it contradicts almost all the goals of the master plan and will irreparably harm the beautiful scenery of West Street. Several historic homes sit on the street and any condo-type or row housing would be noticeably different. Furthermore, that location on West Street is inaccessible to public transit options currently (and adding transit traffic would worsen the issues this development would be causing traffic-wise).

I hope you will consider my opinion on this matter as your board deliberates the topic.

Thank You,
Michael G. Demers
59 Ridge Rd
Wrentham, MA

Sent from my iPhone

Thank You,
Michael G. Demers

Sent from my iPhone