

Larry Lewack

From: Dean Bloch
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Joanna Cummings
Cc: Larry Lewack
Subject: RE: 12-plot subdivision and selectboard contacts

Hi Joanna,

Sorry for the slow response—I've been digging out after being away for part of last week.

I appreciate your concern—however, this project (and all development) has a prescribed process via the Planning Commission (some projects also need Conditional Use Review, but I don't believe this one does), in accordance with the Land Use Regulations. So my suggestion is that you provide comments to the Planning Commission (via Larry Lewack, the Town Planner) focusing on how you feel the project complies (or doesn't) with the standards in the Land Use Regulations (particularly chapters VII and VIII).

Regarding the responsiveness of the Selectboard—I think sometimes they don't respond out of two concerns:

- In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, they can't act except at a warned meeting
- The response of one Selectboard member may give a (false) impression that the whole board agrees with the views of the individual board member, or that the individual board member is empowered to act in some way, when that's really not the case.

Nevertheless, I agree a simple acknowledgement would be polite.

Best wishes,
Dean

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From: Joanna Cummings [mailto:joanna@yellowladyslipper.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 4:06 PM
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Subject: 12-plot subdivision and selectboard contacts

Hi Dean,

I have been reading the documentation about the proposed Donovan-O'Donnell subdivision on Lake Road. What a mistake it would be for the town to agree to this proposal to overdevelop a precious resource in our town and state, prime agricultural land. I sincerely hope that this proposal will be rejected. The land has been in a current use program, and now the owners want to split the land up to be further subdivided in the future. It seems like a good project for the Charlotte Land Trust to take on.

What is the timeline for final decisions on this proposal?

Also, I don't contact my representatives, state or federal, very often, but when there is an issue that I want to reach out to them about, I always receive a confirmation that my message was received and read. However, I never get responses when I reach out to our own select board about an issue. Charlotte's select board members owe their constituents an acknowledgement when we reach out to them about a town issue. It just reinforces my perception of the board being biased.

Thanks for your consideration.

Joanna Cummings