

4 February 2024

Dear Members of the Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) and Board of Health (“BOH”):

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed Washington/Greenwood development (Map 7, parcel 49) by Fenix Partners Greenwood Street Development, LLC and Washington Street Sherborn Homes, LLC.

We are the longest residing (46 years) and most senior residents on Greenwood Street. Our property is also the lowest valued residence on the Street. During our time in Town we have seen the ZBA and the BOH establish rules and regulations to see that our homes maintain their value, the drinking water wells that we all depend upon remain safe, and our septic systems continue to operate as required to insure the safety of ourselves and our neighbors. Over the years we have seen the addition of many homes on our street, the construction of which have been required to meet the rules and regulations of the ZBA and BOH and we have not met with any degradation of water levels or quality.

In regard to the proposed Washington/Greenwood development, we urge you to be sure that any variances and permits issued that are in violation with the current Town rules and regulations insure that our property value and water quality are guaranteed to be maintained. As retirees, we have neither the resources nor are we in a financial position to continue to monitor our well level and water quality for possible changes or contamination, much less to take any remediation action to improve the water quality or drill a new well in order to maintain a supply of potable water should this be necessary.

We are greatly concerned and greatly alarmed at the size and magnitude of the proposed Washington/Greenwood projects that do not in fact meet Town rules and regulations presently in place potentially put us in serious jeopardy of future water problems for which we will have no recourse. Once the damage has been done it will be too late to do anything but for us to bear the expense of any necessary remediation.

We urge that any issuing of variances and permits are considered with the maintaining of the safety of neighboring wells in mind. If these developments are allowed to continue in violation of existing rules and regulations and it is deemed that there will be no possible contamination of existing wells, why should any other proposed development, regardless of proportion, type or size in Town, be required to meet the rules and regulations promulgated by our Town Boards to maintain our property values and water safety?

With great concern,
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