

Sherborn, 8/19/2024

Zoning Board of Appeals
19 Washington Street
Sherborn, MA 01770

Subject: 34 Brush Hill Road Permit

To the members of the Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals:

I studied the Permit Site Plan, and I also studied the Sherborn Cottage Court Plan which proposes building 8 individual houses. I studied Plan of Houses.

This Proposal calls for building the 8 houses in a 2.5 acre zone, and possibly in the densest house development on that section of Brush Hill Road.

I requested a meeting with Mr. Zachary McBride, member of the ZBA; to whom I presented my views.

I have studied the 40B Affordable Housing Zoning Law, which I found sensible and flexible. I also considered the development qualify under chapter 40B.

Bringing all these things in better focus, I do not see anything common between the proposed development and chapter 40B. It does not suggest that by creating an ecological disaster - which is what I consider building 8 houses at 34 BHR - we would alleviate the pressure on available housing. It is not a secret that we already have some contaminated wells in the town of Sherborn.

Quoting 40B; "Do communities have Control over Proposed development?" Yes they do; this is the Zoning Board of Appeals duty. This is why we elected you to that office.

I do not want to keep quoting proposition 40B, but it states you should allow reasonable projects to go forward. I do not see anything reasonable about present project.

If we start passing or approving projects such as this, we may as well quit. The construction of apartment houses on 34 BHR with properly prepared amenities will be less of a disaster than the one proposed; disaster nevertheless.

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