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I feel it extremely important to weigh in on this 40b issue as the decisions made concerning this issue will affect the quality of life for all those who live in our town.

What I'd like to say first is if this project truly addressed the issue which it is meant to, it would have more merit to it then it does. If our town officials are sincerely interested in serving the towns best interest, a facility dedicated 100 percent to affordable housing would be approved and built on the Mill site property.

The area of town for the Bayberry project is rural in nature and should stay that way! Hundreds of tax paying homeowners bought into that environment and that's how we expect it to stay. Here are some excellent reasons why!

Infrastructure: As you all well know the roads in this part of town are narrow, pass through environmentally sensitive areas, and can be dangerous given all the blind hills, especially in winter months! Adding potentially over a hundred motor vehicles makes no sense, in fact it is irresponsible and creates a public safety issue.

Environmental Given this area is major water shed it makes no sense to add more septic systems, wells, and runoff. It also would be a tragedy to lose habitat for our endangered species friends.

Financially: A few years ago, I was concerned that each real estate tax bill I received was higher then the previous one! I had an opportunity to question the town treasurer Mr. Hartnett. He explained to me the new school, as well as the overall school budget were major factors, and he went on to explain the cost of educating a student is \$7,500 average household 2.1 children, \$15,000 excluding other town services!! This is far more then the typical house in Pepperell generates in tax revenue! Now I know "State Aid" is suppose to make up that deficit, the reality is, it doesn't, and hasn't for some time. This State failure results in override requests and potentially increases everyone's cost. Can we afford our irresponsible "State Government" who by almost all measures is failing its citizens to dictate something we all know is not a good deal for the town? Do we allow them to dictate financial ruination on Pepperell for the benefit of a well heeled developer, while the people of Pepperell are left paying more in taxes to cover rising education cost, widening roads, and laying water and sewer lines when septic systems start failing. 40b throws gasoline on Pepperell which will be left burning in the wake of a project that benefits only one side. Make no mistake, it will be a fire of major proportions.

As the huge turnouts involving this issue have shown, the people don't want this. I demand all town elected officials oppose this irresponsible project with all your heart and soul. Carry out the "**Will of the People**" Our government is suppose to be a "government for the people, by the people". Political leadership in this country has been irresponsible far too long, and has ignored the wishes of the people far too often. There is no better place to begin change then at the local level where decisions made impact our citizen's quality of life. I'm incensed that politics of 40b forces economic suicide on our citizens for the benefit of a well heeled developer who will pocket millions.

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