

Peter's Way

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To: Selectmen

Cc: Kablack, Jody

Dear Ms. Brown and Selectmen,

In order to not waste time at the meeting tonight, I wonder if you could answer the following questions directly?

- 1) When will the minutes of the exec session regarding the legal status of Peter's Way be released?
- 2) At the January 5 meeting, I inquired about the specific mechanics of the land swap warrant article drafting, and you said that you did not have that info at the meeting but would be providing it. Subsequent to that discussion I sent a follow-up email to the selectmen, and Bob Haarde invited me to discuss the issue with him. Was it your intention, or the board's, to provide further information beyond what I learned at my meeting with Selectmen Haarde? I am still unclear about the exact timeline. According to my research, Ms. Kablack informed the selectmen on 5/11/2011 that Laura Abrams had not agreed to any restriction regarding use of the land. Yet when the warrant article was drafted and presented at town meeting, the lack of a restriction was never mentioned, in fact, Chairman Drobinski said it "would be limited to one residential lot".

Mr. Haarde indicated that while it was known to the planning board and selectmen that there was no restriction on the lot, all involved decided that the land swap was still worth doing, as it was deemed very unlikely that the owner would attempt to change or circumvent the zoning to get more lots. As Mr. Haarde has said, with the wisdom of hindsight that has proven to be a bad decision.

Am I beating a dead horse? I don't think so because this issue suggests that there needs to be structural safeguards put in place to prevent this kind of error from being repeated. I believe that the first step would be to provide a complete accounting of events so that citizens can analyze the process and find the fault points. In other words- who knew what, when, and why did they make the decisions they made?

It appears likely that the historic center of Sudbury, and a desirable open space parcel, are going to be destroyed, due to an error in judgement that could easily have been avoided. It's one thing to drop the ball in practice, and another to drop it in the Superbowl. I don't think the planning board or selectmen will ever have another decision that goes as directly to the character of the town as this one. Mr. Haarde's candid meeting with me was a good start, but still more needs to be done. I hope everyone involved will use this unfortunate decision to catalyze their efforts to mitigate this particular harm, and prevent others in the future.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 5:10 PM
To: Selectmen; Town Manager; Kablack, Jody
Subject: meeting with Gentile, Eldridge, Barrett

Hello BoS,

I see that our state reps will be at the your meeting tonight. Unfortunately, I have a prior commitment.

I don't see it on the agenda but *please* make them aware of the status of the Sudbury Station 40B (which the BoS unanimously and strongly opposed) and request that they help us lobby the State to rescind MassHousing's approval letter.

As you know, I believe this development will do irreparable harm to our historic town center. The hubris with which MassHousing acted in condoning the destruction of our 350 year old historic treasure is beyond words.

I understand all about 40B - but there has to be a balancing of interests here. The Raytheon 40B will put us over 10%, so we are not asking the State for undue relief with Sudbury Station 40B. MassHousing simply ignoring your well-reasoned letter, particularly with the BoS' Raytheon 40B support letter on their desk *simultaneously* is simply unacceptable.

These representatives represent the interests of Sudbury, not the interests of the State at large. Sudbury has spoken on the Sudbury Station 40B. It is, literally, their job to help us lobby the State for relief.

Thank you,
Jon Danielson
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