

From: Janet Miller <janetcmiller@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Elizabeth Hughes
Cc: Heather Carey
Subject: Symes development plans

Hi Elizabeth,
Please forward this to all members of both the Planning Board and The ZBA.

I would like to add my voice to the many who have already submitted objections to the proposed development at 11B, 146B and 1442 Main Street, and 110 Highland Street (Parcels 2407, 2408, 2409, 2409-1).

To begin with, the land, as it is, is clearly not suitable for development because of its topography. The only way to make it possible to build is to undertake what is essentially a commercial scale logging and mining operation - in a densely settled neighborhood. The development would require clear cutting of all the trees and shrubs on the land, removing many mature trees and destroying the habitat of wild flora and fauna. The mining operation entails the removal of almost 61,000 cubic yards of material. These projects would be noisy, dusty, and polluting.

Clearly the development does not give due regard to the natural features of the land, as required by the Town of Concord Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Nor does it take into account the Town's commitment to sustainability and the desire to increase tree cover to mitigate global warming.

The other major concern is traffic. Carting away the dirt and logs will require dozens of heavy duty diesel trucks, which not only pollute the air with their exhausts in a neighborhood with many children and childcare facilities, but have the potential to damage the roads and will increase congestion.

For these reasons, I think that the Town of Concord is justified in not giving the Symes corporation a special permit to clear cut the trees and remove the excessive amount of dirt.

Sincerely,

Janet Miller
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