

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Dear Millbury Planning Board Members,

We know your job is not an easy one, so we wanted to start by saying “thank you for your service.” We know you probably don’t hear that all too often.

We signed the citizen’s petition for the “Rezoning to Suburban II a portion of Residential I North of Rice Road” and wholeheartedly support the efforts on behalf of us and our neighbors.

We have lived in our family home for more than 60 years and would like to maintain the integrity of our little neighborhood, to be much the same as it has been. We are more than willing to welcome new neighbors, but in a reasonable and responsible manner, more single-family homes, not the high-density development that has been discussed and threatened. Our road simply can’t handle increased traffic.

We have personally spoken to Kathy McLaughlin (her maiden name and how we know her). She has told us that her and her siblings’ intention was to develop their late parent’s property as single-family homes and that the developer that they are working with changed it up on them. We told our son, Steve, about the conversation with her. So, he is correct when he stated that at the public hearing the other night.

We depend upon our son, as he has the expertise in this area. We completely trust his judgement, as does the neighborhood. He has our and everyone else’s best intentions at heart.

Please support this petition, as it embodies common sense logic for our neighborhood and Millbury as a whole. We bet that there are other properties that would be better suited for high-density development and would pose less of an impact for your constituents and public safety. The town’s people elected you, not the developers, to represent our collective interests. This petition is in our best interests.

Best,

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