

Kim Gorman

From: rohinds@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 1:17 PM
To: Kim Gorman
Subject: Regarding proposed development at 27 Jackson Drive

Dear Planning Board,

This letter is with regards to the newly proposed subdivision that developers are planning to squeeze into 27 Jackson Drive that abuts our property at 29 Jackson Drive. We are very concerned about both the negative impact it will have on the rural nature of this section of the neighborhood as well as the potential negative impact from changes in storm water drainage to the basements of the abutting properties.

From the proposed plans, it seems that many trees will have to be cut down and most if not all of the 5 proposed houses will be built right up against the abutting property lines. Presumably, this is all done in an attempt to try to meet the requirements imposed by the town. This will lead to houses being very close together. In our particular case, it seems it will result in a house being awkwardly positioned so close to ours that the houses will seem almost right on top of each other. No one, especially us, and we suppose not the owners of the new house will want to look out their windows right into their neighbors' kitchen window a few yards away. We recently moved from a townhouse in Acton to this section of this neighborhood to get some more space to raise our two young children. We were attracted to the remaining rural setting that still could be viewed from the porch in our backyard. This was a factor we used when selecting this residence to raise our young family. We could not imagine that more and more development would still take place in this neighborhood. When will it stop?

Our second concern is that there will now be a greater risk of flooding in our basement from the construction of the new development right behind our property. Up to this point, our basement has been 100% dry, and we need it to remain dry as we keep an office there in the finished part of it. Our initial concern was heightened when we heard the horror stories from other neighbors of increased flooding in their basements from previous development that occurred in this neighborhood as well as the current flooding already occurring in houses on Madison Lane. In light of this, we implore you to please consider the negative impact to not only the abutting properties but also the remaining rural characteristics of our neighborhood when considering whether or not to approve the proposed number of homes at the development on 27 Jackson Drive.

Thank you,

Ray and Sandra Hinds

29 Jackson Drive