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Fw: St John's Affordable housing project

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Another for Pleasant Street.

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On Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:24 AM, Blanca Di Giacomo <blancadigiacomo@verizon.net> wrote:

Hello Mr. Hunchard,

Blanca Di Giacomo here, I am a franklin resident (160 Beech St.) My family and I have lived in Franklin for over 20 years. My 3 daughters attended the Franklin schools, (Kennedy, Horace Mann, FHS). I was very active in the citizens group that advocated for the building of the new FHS in 2012.

I am writing to you to ask that you consider supporting the affordable housing project being proposed by St. John's Episcopal to be built in their Pleasant street location.

St. John's is seeking to provide an affordable housing option to allow low-income residents to remain in Franklin. I know my own 23-year-old daughter, who is a college graduate and getting started in her own career would not be able to afford to live in Franklin independently. The housing being proposed would offer her that opportunity.

The leaders at St. John's purposely chose to use some of their land (only 4 out of the 20 acres owned) for low-income housing, rather than to sell the land to a private developer for single family homes. The proposed housing will allow for 3/4 of the land owned by the church to remain in its natural state.

St. Johns has partnered with TBA to build in an eco-friendly manner a housing project that will incorporate nature paths and public parking which will make Del Carte Conservation area more available to our neighbors.

I know that traffic in the area is a concern. I am certain that St. Johns and TBA are in the process of studying the issue and will propose strategies to alleviate any traffic concerns. I urge you to support the opportunity to offer an affordable housing option to Franklin residents and those who are interested in becoming part of our amazing community.

Thank you for your support,
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