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Re: Proposal for 64-unit multi-family development at 237 Pleasant Street

Dear ZBA members,

I am an abutter homeowner and lifelong Pleasant Street resident. I am concerned about **increased traffic, safety, sewer services, construction, and loss of wooded areas.**

Pleasant Street traffic is constant. The only hours when traffic is light are 11PM to 6AM. The proposed development is only going to make it worse. Putting in traffic islands will increase the road duty cycle and noise durations.

The intersections can be dangerous. Two auto accidents come to mind. My mother was in a collision at the Hillside Rd-Pleasant Street intersection and needed to be hospitalized. One night while asleep I leapt out of bed in a split-second after the worst sound that I have ever heard as a car with two occupants crashed into an oak tree 50 feet away from me, resulting in fatalities. Two pedestrian-auto accidents also come to mind. A young boy was hit at the same Hillside Rd intersection. A woman was hit and killed at the Main Street-Pleasant Street intersection. I am concerned about safety as a result of the site location and increased traffic, but not just at the site.

The pumping station and sewer directly in front of me have been a problem for years. I am concerned after I heard talk about nighttime pumping and storage tanks. The pump seems to turn on every day about 11AM and runs for about an hour. When it is warmer and I have the windows open, the pump noise can be annoying. I will be displeased if the proposed development is approved and the pump needs to run overnight or much more frequently. It was not stated exactly where the storage tanks would be located, I assume at 232 Pleasant. DPW workers are at the pump about every day, I can tell because of the

truck backup beeping and I see the red trucks. I have needed to complain four times to the DPW about the sewer cover there bouncing up and down due to overflow, clanging loudly and sometimes overnight. It may be improved, I don't know, but it still happens. One time the crew was there flushing the lines and dirty water streamed out of my toilet, I ran outside to tell them to stop but they ignored me, just saying "yeah" over the roar of the truck. As a result, I have low confidence that there will not be problems.

Pleasant Street residents in the area have endured recent street work. While I am grateful for the curbs and storm drain upgrades, it does become tiring. Worse, the massive Station 117 apartment complex was only recently finished along with the countless dump truck passes. When construction trucks hit a bump, all the weight slams down, and it shakes my house. The apartment buildings wrap around so I can see them directly from my back yard. We also hear train and track maintenance noise at times, being close to that.

Finally, I would not want to see yet more woodlands cut down. I still enjoy walking the Delcarte area trails like I did as a boy. We can already see many homes from the trails.

Voters voiced concern that the town is losing its small-town feel. Please recall the people on zoom calls and in letters, some of which moved here recently, who moved here to get away from this. The houses are already packed in behind other houses along the street, I feel the town and street are already doing our part, there must be a better way.

I ask that you reject the permit.

Signed,

Gary Danis