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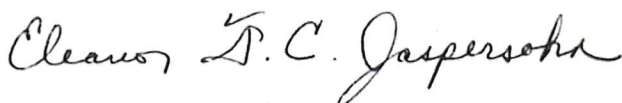
Dear Board Members,

My husband and I are current parishioners of St John's Episcopal Church and have lived on Miller Street in Franklin for fifteen years. We were originally drawn to this community for its small town feel coupled with the diversity and the amenities of having larger cities so close by. We also love all of the area's natural beauty, with Del Carte being one of our young son's favorite places to visit and explore. This closeness to nature is one of the reasons that we are so appreciative of St. John's and The Community Builders Inc's proposal for building a multi-family development on church land. Yes, it will develop some of the wilderness but, because of the church's dedicated stance of preserving nature, the plan leaves the majority of the property to the flora and fauna while creating some new pathways into Del Carte which would extend the town's use of that beautiful area. We're also very happy that the architect took pains to give such a low profile to the proposed dwellings that are viewable from the street so as to be as unobtrusive as possible to the neighborhood - a consideration that has been lacking in some of the other recent housing developments that have been built in town. Between the emphasis on preserving natural habitat, using eco-friendly design/building practices, and adding more public accessibility to Del Carte, this project has our family's whole hearted support.

In addition, as a social worker currently employed as a Resident Services Coordinator for seniors in an independent living community in Framingham, I also want to note that I am a firm believer in affordable housing. Everyone deserves the dignity of a comfortable, safe place to call home.

Regrettably, other commitments keep us from being able to attend the ZBA meeting on January 19th to speak our support virtually, but we write to strongly encourage the Board to approve the building permit to St. John's and The Community Builders Inc. as we believe that this project has the potential to positively enhance the ecological, mental and physical well being of the entire Franklin community.

Respectfully Submitted,



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