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Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 11:24 AM
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Subject: [Littleton MA] Tahattawan Subdivision - Healy Corner Intersection (Sent by Michael Rassias, mrassias@verizon.net)

Hello mtoohill,

Michael Rassias (mrassias@verizon.net) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.littletonma.org/user/42/contact>) at Littleton MA.

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Message:

Dear Ms Toohill,

I am writing to express my unaddressed concerns regarding the subject project. Please include my comments herein in all info for the project.

Many of the residents including myself, have expressed concerns regarding various issues which remain unaddressed with the proposed development. Almost

1 year ago, on Feb 14th 2019 a group of concerned neighbors including myself, sent a letter to the board which outlined many items of concern. While this project should not be allowed to proceed until all issues are addressed, the most concerning and focus of this letter is the proposed intersection.

Please reference our letter from Feb 14 2019 and force the developer to address these issues.

No one knows better regarding the existing intersection performance than the neighbors who use it everyday. Many town residents who live adjacent to that intersection have already stated at planning board meetings how dangerous it is currently and how many near misses happen between automotive vehicles daily.

In our letter from Feb 14th we explain in detail the concerns and include photographs and specific references to federal highway administration (FHA) standards and FHA intersection risk factors which have been completely disregarded within this design.

The developers engineer (Mr. Ringwell) told me as well as stated at a planning board meeting that the Planning board itself told him he could not put the access road within 300 ft of an existing intersection. At that same meeting the Planning Board disagreed and did not recall ever requiring such a restriction. Furthermore, just west on the same Harwood Ave roadway, is the relatively new development at Bumble Bee Ln which is less than 300 feet from the foster/Harwood intersection as precedent.

I am an engineer myself specializing in engineering transportation for over 27 year working for one of the nations largest pure engineering firms. I have no idea where this 300 ft criteria comes from but placing it across from the existing intersection is certainly within 300 ft and directly conflicts with many federal highway administration documented standards for high risk intersections. This also includes the poor location at the crest of the hill on Harwood with a greater than 6% slope. Much of this is documented in our Feb 14th letter.

We had proposed an alternate location for the road and I followed up and presented this at a recent planning board meeting, yet every plan presented by the engineer has ignored our concerns. I want to be very clear that this is a significant safety issues which should constitute a substantive issue with the proposed plan. I hope and pray that no one every gets hurt or killed at this intersection, but it would be beyond shameful with this being identified multiple times by

independent residents if this is allowed to proceed and someone is seriously injured. Especially when a completely feasible alternate plan has been proposed to the developer which creates no restriction on the quantity of lots. This has been well documented now for future reference and I would hope that the planning board sees this as a situation of great importance for the Littleton public safety and that it is resolved accordingly.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

We recognize and appreciate the significant volunteer effort from all the board members.

Regards and Happy New Year!

Mike Rassias