

Dear Planning Board,

My husband and I are writing to you regarding the proposed development to be located at 16 / 0 Bishop's Lane.

We moved from Hingham for a short time and still have property in town. Our prior home was 248 South Street. We lived there for ten years.

It was our impression that development work had been considered historically at 16 Bishop's. However, due to town restrictions (three houses on the lane, proximity of the Vernal Ponds, and safety concerns of a large road dumping into South Street) that a development of this scale would not be allowed. Perhaps one house if the lane remains similar in size and scope.

Furthermore, as proponents of historic homes and maintaining the charm of Hingham, we would disagree with both taking a good portion of a historic stone wall down on a historic street as well as the raising of a significantly sized retention wall (which includes a safety railing on top per the plans). The wall seems out of place in a historic district as it could be viewable from the road with the changes proposed for the visibility guidelines. Perhaps a rendering of how the wall will look upon tree removal / completion from both the Lane and historic South Street would be helpful.

Thank you,
Sharon Clark and Charlie Whitlock