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Subject: Proposed 16 & 0 Bishops Lane Definitive Subdivision Application
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To: The Hingham Planning Board

Re: Proposed 16 & 0 Bishops Lane Definitive Subdivision Application

We would like to make the board aware of some concerns we have regarding this application.

Grading Waiver:

The grade and downhill slope along our backyard would cause a dangerous situation especially in the winter time with the possibility of a car or delivery truck sliding off the road and into our backyard. As well as, the excessive slope of the grade on the downhill portion going out to South Street. This portion going out to South Street, would also have the potential for a very dangerous situation for the potential of cars/trucks sliding into neighbors yards on Bishops Lane and out into South Street during icy or winter conditions. The water runoff is also a concern during extreme rain onto our property and out into South Street.

Buffer:

There is no buffer between the road being built and our property. When it is winter and we have a 20+” snow storm, where will the snow be plowed to? There is absolutely no where to throw or stockpile snow. Will it be a “No Salt Zone” in this area, due to the presence of the vernal pool?

Blasting:

The excessive amount of ledge and depth for drains causes considerate structural concern for all the neighboring homes’ foundations, swimming pools and utilities.

Block Retaining Wall:

The type of block retaining walls shown in the plans are known to deteriorate in 5-10 years. In this case, there will be considerable amounts of water that will build up behind and around it due to the steep grade. When this fails, because it will, who is going to maintain, repair and/or replace the wall? Regarding the drainage issues from block wall, where is the runoff going? There is no detail on the plan as to where the water created behind the retaining wall will go.

Drainage:

Regarding the drainage, the 20 foot deep drainage will be extremely difficult to put in with all the ledge present. Also, how will it be maintained in the future?

Private Road:

Who will be responsible to pay for the repairs and maintenance to the road, landscaping, walls, drainage, curbing and street lights in the future?

Historic Lincoln Rock Wall Entrance to Bishops Lane:

In the 1990's John Richardson showed us a historical rock wall/ border that one of the Lincoln's built, it runs between our property and the Youngs’ and along the SSCC property. Due to the historical significance, of this wall/border, along with the entrance to Bishops Lane, would the Hingham Historic Districts Commission have any input as to whether or not these areas can be disturbed?

Roadway:

Granite upright curbing to contain water, asphalt is not suitable. Asphalt berms that are in the proposed plan will overtime get damaged by plows and vehicles leading to

the non containment and overflow of water.

Landscape Plan:

Is there a landscape plan for this roadway as well as for the homes being built?

Mature Trees:

Are any mature trees being saved? Would the clearing of all this mature woodland area have any effect on the vernal pool?

Catch Basins:

Are the catch basins slanted or regular? In a heavy rain, the water will jump over regular drains and flow into South Street, with the plan described grade.

Sidewalk Waiver:

There is definitely a need for a sidewalk due to safety concerns for pedestrians.

Thank you,

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