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To: [Wentworth, Emily](#); [Silveira, Michael](#)
Subject: 16 & 0 Bishops Lane Definitive Subdivision - Concerns
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Dear Emily and Michael,

After review of the revised documents pertaining to the 16 & 0 Bishops Lane Definitive Subdivision, the following concerns persist.

1. The right of way (RoW) and surrounding area which are proposed for major modification are within the Lincoln Local Historic District and as such should be reviewed by the Historic Districts Commission. The proposed construction would fundamentally change the character and historic charm of this quiet country lane and cheapen the surrounding Bishops Lane and South Street neighborhood.
2. Blasting required for ledge removal is expected to be required within close proximity of residential dwellings as well as historical structures which may be more susceptible to damage. Such major, prolonged construction activity has significant potential to compromise the structural integrity of these buildings and to ultimately shorten the lives of these structures which homeowners for generations have painstakingly preserved at great effort and expense. The barn located immediately adjacent to the proposed 2-lane roadway **and construction route** has specifically undergone preservation activities via the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust. Approval of this development, which includes partial destruction of a historic stone wall at the entrance to Bishops Lane, would directly undermine the intention and efforts of this Historic District. Please note that the plans do not show actual locations of the structures along the road, which not only includes the barn mentioned above, but also residential homes to families with young children, one of which is located only a few feet from the proposed roadway construction zone.
3. Current landscaping (i.e. trees and plantings) that have been consistently maintained by landowners along Bishops Lane for generations, and which would be displaced by the roadway and construction route, are not acknowledged in the plans.
4. One landowner on Bishops Lane will no longer have a driveway due to the changes. Note this is a driveway within the RoW that has been consistently used and maintained by the various landowners of that residence for decades. Is that allowable?
5. Unbounded construction duration heightens concerns regarding safety for the many young families and their children in the Bishops Lane and South Street community. How many years will this construction be ongoing and at what cost to the neighborhood residents' health and safety? **As the proposed subdivision and roadway changes provide no benefit beyond economic gain to a single landowner, why would the health and safety of our community be sacrificed to specifically accommodate it?**
6. There is still no consideration for runoff beyond the boundary of the RoW into the yards of neighboring landowners. Who is responsible for health and safety hazards created due to runoff beyond the RoW boundary?

This proposed development compromises the safety, quality of life, historic context, and

fundamental rights of the surrounding community. This is clear and continues to be reinforced by the outpouring of near neighbor letters in protest to this proposal.

Thank you for your service to Hingham. And thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

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