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FW: Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

From: MARY STACK <marybstack@icloud.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:43 AM**To:** Sjostedt, Paula <sjostedtp@hingham-ma.gov>**Subject:** Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Member,

I am opposed to the proposal lto build 8 outdoor pickleball courts at 25 Bare Cover Park Drive. Too many, too costly and too much noise emanating from such a project. I strongly urge the Board not to approve this proposal.

The project is out of scale for both the location and the surrounding neighborhood. Eight courts would create a high-intensity commercial-type level of facility in an area that is currently quiet, natural, and serene.

The repetitive sound associated with pickleball is well documented and can become extremely disruptive over long periods of time. The prospect of hearing this noise from morning through evening, seven days a week, is very troubling as a resident, both for the impact on our Town employees right next door and for anyone else living or trying to enjoy the area.

The Town has also not adequately addressed how noise impacts would be mitigated. There is insufficient information regarding sound barriers, operational restrictions, enforcement mechanisms, or long-term monitoring. Without those protections, nearby residents, town employees and visitors to the park will bear the consequences. At a minimum, there should be more information presented, and a look-back or review period, to consider and reflect on the appropriateness of the mitigants.

In addition, there has not been a convincing demonstration that eight new courts are needed. Existing courts in town do not appear to be fully utilized, and nowhere else in Hingham has such a large court facility been developed. It is especially troubling that there are not restroom facilities for such a large quantity of courts, and therefore people.

If any courts are ultimately approved, there should be meaningful restrictions on hours of operation and overall court usage to reduce the impact on the surrounding area.

Please protect the quiet character of the Site and reject this proposal as currently presented.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,
Mary Stack