

Fairhaven Planning Board, John Farrell, Chairman
c/o Paul Foley, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Fairhaven Town Hall
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

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RE: SP 2019-13 Lewis Landing/ Huttleston Avenue

Dear Chairman Farrell and Planning Board Members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Lewis Landing proposal. It is obvious by now this is a complicated site with numerous issues.

The past year your Board has concentrated on the water risks which are well understood in the neighborhood from previous flooding at the site. Changes to the original plans over the year with multiple peer reviews have illuminated this fact. The existing system of underground pipes may be inadequate to increase the volume of 12 residential units with their associated parking and paving.

This is but one concern.

Access from both directions on Route 6 are dangerous, as has been noted in earlier meetings

- From the west, the curve up Blossom Hill creates a difficult crossing for students whose only shield is the crosswalk and flashing light at New Boston Road. Vehicles are frequently travelling at 50 mph along this stretch.
- From the east, this project would effectively open Route 6 (4 lanes) to 125 plus feet of access on the south side. This includes Gellette Road, a nearly wide open entrance and exit from the Liquor Store parking lot, and the new entrance to Lewis Landing.

Also, these units were approved and to be designed as 'Condominiums'. Is there a document on file which states the guidelines for these units? I ask because they are sometimes being referred to as 'multi-unit rentals' in past meetings. I also wonder if fewer Condo units might be more desirable in this market and given the property's limitations.

I wish to thank you and the Board members for the valuable service you continue to provide our neighborhoods and our town.

Sincerely,

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