

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

June 16, 2021

RE: SP 2021-03: LEWIS LANDING

Dear Chairman Farrell and Planning Board Members*,

Attached is my February 21st letter regarding SP 2019-13 Lewis Landing proposal. My concerns today are no different with the SP2021-03 proposal, as few of these concerns have been addressed by the applicant.

Over the past two years we have seen this project consumed by an attempt to build on a very problematic and difficult site. I have followed this project since its inception, through the various zoom meetings of the pandemic. The petitioner has spent much time and money but unfortunately his plan has become a less desirable project for our neighborhood and our town.

Once pitched as a 'Condominium' project with associated 'extras', the site has dictated housing with few amenities and are now referred to as 'rental units', with no storage space (basements/ garages) or outdoor space (decks/landings).

The petitioner has shown no interest in scaling back this project. The elaborate water control system dictated by the property apparently leaves him no money to enhance the structures. As a neighborhood we are asked to accept this. This is unreasonable and wrong.

Town meeting on the May 5, 2018 Warrant offered specifically an agreement to:

'...limit their project to a total of not more than (12) condominium units having no more than twenty-four (24)bedrooms total and structures not to exceed two stories.'

Town meeting members had no way of understanding the site, its limitations, and resulting consequences to our neighborhood should a project of this scale and complexity be allowed.

I ask that you either:

- scale it back and add amenities so the resulting Condominium project is on par with the existing ones nearby (Nasketucket and Ocean Meadows).

- or vote it down, on behalf of the neighborhood and Town.

Again, I wish to thank you and the Board members for your valuable service.

Sincerely,

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