

Concerns re: Omni Development Waiver Consideration

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To: Zoning Board of Appeals; Ashley Clark; Jim Johnson

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern that the Town hasn't already denied the waivers proposed by the Omni Development to increase the height and units of their project. The fact that the Town is even considering granting or negotiating additional scope and size to this project is absurd.

My understanding is that the Town is concerned that Omni Development will claim the project is "uneconomically feasible" if a waiver to increase the units is not granted. Imagine how gullible the Omni executives must think the citizens of Walpole are to actually believe that a four story, 240-unit complex built on dirt cheap land won't make them a boatload of money. They are trying to squeeze every last dollar out of the town by increasing the size and scope of this project beyond 240 units. Then they'll head back to their offices in Westford with their boatloads of cash and laugh all the way to the bank. I can assure you, the Omni executives won't be back to Walpole to deal with any of the repercussions of building such a large development in a small, residential community. Although, they may make it back to park at the development and spend their newfound riches on box seats at Gillette for a Pats game!

Again, the fact that these waivers weren't dead on arrival is genuinely concerning. Why is the Town even considering waivers to increase the size and scope of this project? It makes absolutely no sense. It does not benefit to Town of Walpole. It only enriches the executives of Omni.

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