

Submitted via email on 1/12/21

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today as a resident of South Walpole in regard to the Omni Development's 40b proposal for the Cedar Edge/Cedar Crossing development of 300 new units of housing at 55 Summer Street in South Walpole. I have written numerous letters to different boards and state representatives expressing my many concerns with this proposed project over the past year since our community was first rocked with the shocking news of such a monstrosity of a complex thrown into our quaint and historic neighborhood.

My most recent concerns arose after the ZBA hearing held on January 6, 2021. I have yet to see a hearing between the Omni Developers and our Walpole Sewer and Water Department, which is ever so concerning with a project that is not only entirely too large for such our small community, but one that will in fact be built on an aquifer and right next to Cedar Swamp. But we residents shouldn't worry, because as a S&W representative stated during the recent ZBA hearing, "It's not up to our standards, but we can live with it."

I believe that this gigantic complex demands nothing less than full vetting from S&W, as we all have grave concerns with the looping situation. We need our town officials to stand up to not only advocate, but also demand the proper changes to this procedure to ensure the well-being of our residents. S&W must mandate that the looping be done out through Neponset Street, and not the current plan, to ensure proper water quality and pressure for all.

I'd like to propose that S&W immediately request a Demand and Capacity Hydraulic study for water. There should be no shortcuts in a development this dense that will impact so many.

Lastly, I am greatly concerned and must insist that S&W hold Omni Development as close as possible to 15% in regard to recharge on (im)pervious surfaces. The percentage has decreased from 28% to 22.6%, but that is unacceptable to the Commissions' standards and must be decreased as close to, if not equal to, 15%. Do the residents of Walpole not deserve better water quality? If you believe not, I'd like to be the first to listen to your response.

The repercussions from letting Omni Development execute the plans to their likings in regard to S&W will in fact have a severely negative impact on all of South Walpole residents. I implore you to insist these changes happen before Omni Development proceeds any further with their plans.

The residents of Walpole deserve better and you have the ability to ensure that our safety and well-being are honored.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Becky Litvak