

Public Comment Submissions: Omni Development LLC 55 Summer Street 40B 3/1/2021

I woke up this morning, thank God, with the memory of a long ago patrol with Walpole Police Officer James Kannally. It was a warm Friday night (Ladies night at some local nightclubs) in the late seventies about 11pm. As we traveled up Route 1A Jimmy jammed on the brakes and hit the high beams and the spotlight. There was wreckage in the roadway. It was eerily quiet Jimmy popped the trunk and jumped out of the cruiser. I followed him to the trunk he handed me six flares and said block the road. Jimmy called it in and started running to the other side of the crash site. I saw him fall as I was lighting my flares. I could smell blood. I started to check the injured for pulse and need for CPR. Jimmy yelled to give him more flares and use more flares to secure my side of the crash site. Six guys were dead from one vehicle and five ladies from the other vehicle were dead. One lady called Foxy survived. The two vehicles crashed head on. I am sharing this, because in my opinion Summer Street is dangerous now. The Omni project exit and entrance located abutting the MBTA passenger train Summer Street ground crossing can cause gridlock. If vehicles become stranded on the train tracks there is no way to warn the driver of the train and a train crash and derailment will potentially happen. Any derailment could result in a mass casualty event blocking the only actual entrance and exit of the Omni project. The location of the proposed emergency fire fighter entrance and exit is too dangerousness. Even for Firefighters. I pray that the ZBA will not issue any special permits to allow making the Omni site more impervious than 15%, or special permits and wavers to allow structures in the WRPOD that are not allowed without special permits and wavers. I have been told that Mass Housing can not issue these special permits and wavers.

These special permits and wavers may make the project more profitable, but the denial will not make it uneconomical. Maybe less dense and maybe less profitable, hopefully less dangerous to our public drinking water supply and the travelling public on Summer Street. Mass Housing issued a comprehensive permit for the Preserve and it was built on Walpole's future well field site an Area2. That was Mass Housings mistake now if our School Meadow Brook well field fails from over pumping or is contaminated Walpole has no place to go for a new well site. If we allow mass housing to destroy the Great Cedar Swamp Aquifer with its hydrological connection to the School Meadow Brook Well field it will be a Walpole mistake. The exit and entrance on Summer Street are dangerous and the emergency exit is more dangerous. The dangerousness of these exits and entrance and the real threat to our public drinking water supply demands that the special permits and wavers be denied.

Both Area2 and Area3 qualify as ZONE II by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's definition of ZONE II. The difference between the aquifers in Area2 and Area3 is only the thickness of the aquifers. Area2 has a depth of greater than 40 feet and Area3 has a depth of 40 feet or less. Both Areas qualify for ZONE II protection by the WRPOD.

South Walpole is at a higher altitude and I believe depends on the water tank in South Walpole for fire protection. Should the sprinklers go off in one of the very large buildings proposed by Omni how long before the water tank in South Walpole water level drops to an unsafe level for fighting fires in South Walpole. Will the size of these very large structures require a second water tank in South Walpole?

Please ask the Conservation Agent the time of the year they delineated the wetlands on the Omni site, and what method they used to determine the wetland boundaries?

In my opinion Omni is violating my right to hook up to the sewer that I paid a betterment charge of about six thousand dollars when the sewer passed in front of my home. The sewer system capacity was designed to

allow me to hookup. The capacity available for me to hook up is being given to Omni. I am not alone there are other homeowner's similarly situated like me.

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