

Dear Zoning,

I attended last night's meeting w/ David Hale and the Omni Reps and still have grave concerns over this Project.

I have marked up the intersection as it will look on a daily basis here in South Walpole. Young children, grades 4 and 5, as young as age 9, will be crossing these intersections, many alone, as they do now, both walking and biking. Not only would a crossing guard be necessary, but a guard wouldn't prevent the mess that this traffic light will bring. I don't believe that Omni understands, or has taken into account, the fact that pedestrian and vehicle traffic, in this area is extremely unique. They haven't considered our peak times. Their traffic study is flawed because they didn't do any single studies during Gillette events.

The Omni reps are dishonest. They claimed in last night's meeting, that the property at 11 Summer St, has fenced in their yard on town lines. They claimed that this fence could potentially be taken out, to install a sidewalk. I know the property owners at 11 Summer St extremely well, and they 100% had their property assessed when they had the fence installed and have proof that it is NOT on town lines. Omni has made many false claims including their statement in past traffic studies of theirs that say their Development won't negatively affect traffic. It absolutely will cause horrendous safety and traffic issues in this area, that will be made worse by a traffic light. That is not the answer. Cars are now going to be backed up into the intersection of a traffic light with children trying to cross! It's absurd.

I am backed up by hundreds of residents here, as well as Select Board members, and we won't allow Omni to come here and tear up years of history. We are the Town of South Walpole. We are NOT the City of Cedar Crossing. South Walpole should not conform to fit the needs of a 300 unit "campus." A campus they have called it. The Development needs to conform to South Walpole. We are NOT ok with them tearing down the South Walpole Common, or further putting this entire area in turmoil. I am also not going to allow them to remove the ONE crosswalk at the corner of Washington St Ext and Water St that I use every single day to walk my kids across the street. The crosswalk that I had to beg the police department several times to put there. Omni wants this area to be walkable, and they are destroying it.

What happens during construction of their new intersection? How long do we need to deal with the mess that will bring? What will the traffic issues look like then?

The problem with this complex is the sheer size of this, and NONE of that will be mitigated by simply changing a small intersection.

I have posted a photo marked up with cars as they'd look on a daily basis with a traffic light. How are children supposed to cross this? How is anyone supposed to leave their street on Washington St Ext? We are a residential neighborhood. We are not Route 1, and we are not the streets of Boston.

The accident data at Washington St and Short St is through the roof! They have needed a traffic light for years. They should have the traffic light. South Walpole does not need or want this.

A garage was denied last night at the ZBA meeting because it went against the character of the neighborhood. A garage was considered too big. This Development is FAR bigger than a simple garage. It is going to kill South Walpole. It's tearing up the history as well as the character.

The only way to allow this Development is to decrease the number of units. I do NOT believe that this can't be done. There are loopholes to every single law out there, and I will not stop fighting this Development until it is found. Hundreds of residents, not only in South Walpole, have taken action to hire a private lawyer who is an expert at 40B developments, and has dealt with David Hale before. He knows the ins and the outs, and there is 100% a way to downsize this project. Please help us do so and do not approve 300 units. Any decrease in size would be beneficial to us all.

Thank you,

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