

Hello All,

After the last zoning meeting on January 6, 2021, I felt the need to write to you all. I am not entirely clear why a meeting has not been held with Omni and Sewer and Water Commission to discuss sewer and water issues and tap into local expertise. A project of 300 units should certainly warrant a full vetting particularly to sewer and water with the proposed project. Never mind the location of the project with it being on an aquifer and next to Cedar Swamp.

Omni's response to the letter from Bill Abbott dated 11/5/2020 leaves many questions in my mind.

First, the looping situation. The current proposed looping is not what Sewer and Water wants. Why are we not forcing Omni to loop out to Neponset Street when this would be the preferred method? This needs to be done to ensure water quality and water pressure. Is the cost stopping this from happening as the preferred looping system would have to go under the railroad tracks? Our local experts have stated that this is a feasible option. The Omni development is huge, we need to make sure we take care of these issues now.

Second, a Demand and Capacity Hydraulic study should be done for water. (Sewer has been done but by Walpole's Sewer and Water Commission). Not performing this study is a bad idea.

Third, I am concerned that Sewer and Water is not holding Omni to closer to 15% in regard to recharge on (im)pervious surfaces. The number has gone from 28% to 22.6% but it sure seems like the Commission would rather be closer to 15%. Why not demand better water quality for our town?

Please consider making these changes happen or at worse, setting them as conditions for approval.

Thank you,
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