

To Whom It May Concern,

It was with much displeasure that we found out that the Summer Street/Cedar Edge Project was coming to fruition, and as residents of South Walpole, we are adamantly against the proposals put forth by Omni.

We have concerns about the impact that the 300 units will have on this community, specifically on South Walpole.

First, we have 3 young children who will be attending Boyden elementary school and it would be a disservice to our youth to increase the number of students per class and consequently limit the amount of time teachers afford each individual student. This would be counterproductive to what the town is working toward educationally.

Second, if the town is in such dire straits that we are under a water ban, how is it possible to provide water to these 300 new units, in addition to all of the other buildings currently under construction in town.

Third, we're worried that the sewer system will not be able to handle a project this size without negatively impacting the current homes in this area.

Fourth, the traffic on summer street, from winter to Washington, is already horrendous. We are now contending with the addition of the commuter rail running through several times per day, which has certainly worsened the problem. Couple that with an even at Gillette and it will be completely gridlocked. It is irresponsible to allow an additional 300 units and who knows how many more people to an already overcrowded and congested area, specifically, if there is just one entrance and exit to this development (which seems dangerous if police and fire had to get in and the entrance was blocked).

Additionally, the roads are narrow and there are no sidewalks, which poses a safety hazard for the people and children of South Walpole. It doesn't make sense to add more people to an already dangerous situation.

Fifth, within the conservation and wetland, around which Omni intends to build, are numerous species of wildlife, including deer, foxes, coyotes, turkeys, and bobcats that will undoubtedly be pushed further into our already established neighborhoods putting current residents, including children and pets, at risk of more frequent and possibly dangerous encounters. Beyond that, this project will destroy the habitats for yellow spotted salamanders, snakes, frogs, moths, etc.

In closing, we respectfully ask that you keep these concerns and current members of the South Walpole community in mind while making any decisions around this unfortunate and unnecessary project.

Thank you,
Paul and Marissa Falcone