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I am writing today regarding the background to Darwin Estates as I have been a member of the Planning Board since 1992 and know the complete background.

1. On November 6, 1997, the Planning Board approved a subdivision entitled Walpole Estates, which encompassed the entire site off Common St.
2. The developer was John Hasenjaeger.
3. The street Darwin Lane did exceed the 750' dead end length. An agreement with the Town Administrator at the time, James Merriam, and John Hasenjaeger was that Hasenjaeger would not pursue a second egress to Washington Street to allow the developing of the back land. The reason for this was that the back land backs up to our Well Head Pumping Area, and Mr. Merriam sought to protect our water. This agreement gave Hasenjaeger 2 more lots at the end of Darwin presently. Mr. Merriam had stressed to the Board that this agreement was crucial to protecting the Town's water.
4. In 2005 Hasenjaeger submitted a new plan entitled " Kayla Court", which sought to extend Darwin beyond the previously approved dead end length. The Board rejected the plan on October 20, 2005.
5. On February 28, 2018, Deputy Fire Chief Paul Barry ( now Chief ) gave a letter of objection on a 750' waiver on a subdivision plan entitled Nichols Pond Way. The reason, as stated, was due to the longer distance men & equipment would have to go if blocked. The Subdivision was denied due to the Developer's resistance to either shorten the road or provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> egress, both of which could have been done.
6. Former Deputy Chief Barry has been consistent with his objection to dead end streets over 750'.
7. Everyone should understand Chief Barry's objection to the 750' length, though similar to the Planning Boards regulation, is independent from the Planning Boards. The Fire Department is not bound by outside policies of other Governmental Agencies, but their own guidelines.
8. The Planning Board, on all matters in front of them seeks input from various Town Departments & Boards for their opinions in their area of expertise. The Board does not go against the recommendations put forward for that reason.

My own opinion, as a Planning Board Member, not the facts presented above  
To go against recommendations of other Boards / Departments disingenuous to those submitting.  
This also opens an easy appeal & victory if going against a recommendation.  
Public Safety is above all else and should not be comprised, 40B's included.

My own personal opinion

I find it outrageous that the owner of the property and current Sewer & Water Commissioner, is pushing this project along, with his position as a Commissioner, to join the MWRA which would wipe out the need for Well Head protection and enrich himself.

The facts of Hasenjaeger's position are easily found in the various Sewer & Water Meeting Minutes.