

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the development that is being proposed by Omni Development to be placed in an area in South Walpole where it is a historic part of town, but more importantly it sits next to the Bird Factory that was a huge piece of contaminated land.

I am a hug everyone, sunshine & rainbow kind of girl. But, the amount of cancer that is in South Walpole (I can give a list I have been tallying per street) makes me physically sick to my stomach.

I lost my mama to cancer when she was 25, I was 2 and a half. We lived in an apartment in Norwood & her sister told me once my husband & I bought in Walpole, your mother use to tell me when the wind blew a certain way all she could smell was chemicals from there the Bird Factory. Imagine the heartache when I realized we just made our home right down the street.

I love where we live, I love our neighbors & friends in town, but the people I love that have been touched with cancer, that shouldn't have because they are too young circles back to those words in head from my mama.

I've watched friends battle cancer in front of their children & that is something I never wish on anyone, I've watched children battle Cancer, I've watched friends not beat it & leave this world & leave their entire whole world behind, does Omni care about that?

I spend nights tallying cancer clusters & new ALS diagnoses in young people, checking water supply reports like my mama is shouting from heaven to me to not stop digging.

Our water supply, the only aquifer that supplies water to our entire town is sitting in between the contaminated Bird Factory & this 40B proposal, the water we drink, the water we bathe our kids in, that we wash our dishes with, we shower in, that is something I am terrified about.

The testing that was done was less than adequate I have reached out to Erin Brockovich thousands of times, I don't want to be her next movie & I am sure you don't either. But, we could be.

I went head to head with Mr. Hale & rattled him on the contaminated land & he is hiding something & we need your help.

Of course there are traffic concerns, school crowding, but more importantly a one way in & out for our Police & Fire & how down right terrifying that is for them, but the biggest issue is digging up this land & what it could do to all of us should be the top priority, I mean how could anyone that approves this live with themselves if the research wasn't done.

xoxo

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