

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

**TO: The Killingly Planning and Zoning Commission:**

**We strongly object to the granting of a special permit for the proposed project at :  
536 - 542 - 552 HARTFORD PIKE, DAYVILLE, CT**

**This project is proposed to be built on three parcels that are adjacent to the Dayville Historic District. This section of Rte 101/Hartford Pike is currently residential and office space.**

**The traffic on Hartford Pike is already very heavy, especially where it narrows from 4+ lanes in front of Killingly Commons to 2 lanes in front of the three subject properties. The high rate of speed at which vehicles - including tractor trailers - travel on this stretch of the state road presents a clear danger to any resident entering and exiting from their driveway or from Pleasant St. and especially for pedestrians , since there is a sidewalk only on the south side of Rte. 101 and no street lighting what so ever. Allowing a project of 5 units with varied businesses, with varied traffic flow, varied hours, with vehicles entering and exiting onto Rte 101 - will only exacerbate this danger. Even with a proposed easement to exit through Owen Bell Park, which will be impossible to enforced, the negative impact to the area would be significant.**

**The construction of a commercial building housing 5 units will have a significant impact on the quality of life for the residents of this area. In addition to the increase in traffic, commercial businesses may create noise, loitering, will require dumpsters on the site and supply deliveries that will have to be serviced by trucks, parking problems, etc. The buffer zone proposed by the developer is not adequate enough to shield our adjacent property located at 526 Hartford Pike. The construction of a commercial building and the businesses that will subsequently occupy the spaces will have a detrimental effect on the quality of enjoyment of our property.**

**The Dayville Historic District, which partially extends onto Pleasant St. and along Hartford Pike to High St. was added to the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES in 1988. The resources and time put into preserving these properties to that point by all involved - even saving one from a "wrecking ball" - is beyond measure.**

**Allowing a special permit for the project that is proposed, will not only negatively impact the entire historic district but will diminish the importance of these valuable assets to the Town of Killingly.**

In its mission statement, The Planning and Zoning Commission duties include recommending "the most desirable use of land..." , in addition to creating rules and regulations "to direct compatible growth and avoid nuisances".

The proposed project is not compatible with the Historic District, nor the residential make-up of this area and has the potential for creating a nuisance for those that reside there.

Again, as significant property owners in the Historic District and immediate abutters to the proposed project who would suffer the greatest impact, we strongly oppose the granting of a special permit for this project.

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