

Ashley Fell

From: Ian McDonald <mcdonaldstonemasonry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Public comment on easement at Owen Bell park (for Public Hearing on 9/12)

To the members of the Town Council,

Anyone who is a longtime resident of Killingly and has attended a little league, softball, soccer, track or other public event can probably attest to just how tight the parking/traffic situation can already be in the area where this easement is being proposed. The idea that we would do something which would add congestion in this location, our only major recreational area in the Dayville, seems obviously ill advised. There are several other locations in town that are not intended for public recreation where there are certainly opportunities for new construction or additional business expansion.

Not only this, but even a casual observer can notice how many young people are also going through this area on scooters, bikes, skateboards or on foot. Owen Bell Park is also a place where, like it or not, children may be moving about unsupervised and this easement and potential accompanying expansion puts them at risk (while also creating unnecessary liability risks to the town). Whether or not it is advisable, the reality is many folks look to our parks as a safe haven for young people to have a little more freedom of movement which does not go well with the vehicular traffic which could accompany this easement.

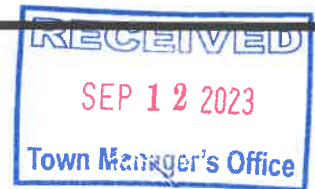
I would ask you to make the common sense decision and not approve this easement.

Ian McDonald
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From: Beth Anne Mullen <BETHANNEMUL@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: RE: Driveway Easement Through Owen Bell Park



We are writing to the Killingly Town Council to raise our objection to the proposed driveway easement through Owen Bell Park. We do not see any benefit to the town and all benefits to the developer. The purchase price to the town is a mere pittance in comparison to the impact to the integrity, safety, and the beauty of the park. It's unclear to us whether the town will be involved in any way, including financially, in the installation and maintenance of this road and its utilities. There should NOT be any involvement. What happens if this land development company has financial difficulties or goes bankrupt? Where does that leave the town of Killingly's responsibility?

We have serious concerns in regards to the impacts this road will have on increased traffic and safety. The traffic pattern in and around Killingly Commons and Rt.101 is already awkward. Adding retail and truck traffic to the intersection out of Owen Bell will only exacerbate the situation, thereby making it more dangerous to both vehicles and foot traffic. It should be obvious to all how this road would impact the safety of all park goers, especially to families and young children as they enter and walk and run around the park. You've got people now coming into the park, both on foot and by vehicle, with their sole purpose of enjoying all that our park has to offer. They are more mindful of other people in the park doing the same. If you add the sole purpose for entering to now include people driving in to shop or to drop off a delivery, you have a totally different mindset that does not necessarily include be on the lookout for park users. Our concern is that the level attention of both the park users and drivers could lead to accidents.

Owen Bell Park is a gem of the town of Killingly! It is a beautiful park enjoyed by people of all ages and is a draw to people from all areas. We encourage you to look up Owen Bell Park google online reviews. Owen Bell Park has a 4.6 star rating of 799 reviews! Reading these reviews shows you how our park is enjoyed by so many! Any changes we make to this park should be how to add to the enjoyment not take away.

This road easement is unnecessary, unsafe and a BAD IDEA! Please deny this easement!

Sincerely,

Bob and Beth Anne Mullen
1627 North Rd.
Dayville, CT

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From: Darlene Gunkel <deegunk@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:39 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Owen Bell Park Easement

This would be a horrible mistake for Killingly to allow this to happen! As a resident of Killingly for over 30 years this saddens me that this would even be considered not only for the safety of everyone that uses our beautiful park! There are enough other empty spaces that could be used other than in front of our park.. what about the property behind Aldi's and I'm sure it wouldn't require an easement..

Killingly Resident
Darlene Gunkel



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From: Nevada Jensen <nevi.jeneen91@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 12:32 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Vote for Owen bell assement



Id like to vote yes for the Owen bell Park assement and new project

Ashley Fell

From: Deb Burlingame <debbiejoy.gold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:39 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Owen bell park easement



Good morning,

As a concerned property owner in Killingly, Connecticut, I'd like to put it on record that I 100% support the Owen Bell Park easement request for the new development at 536, 542, and 552 Hartford Pike. I've seen a lot of misinformation and comments on the social media pages recently. For what it's worth, here are my two cents:

- 1) the developers are NOT buying the land- They are buying an easement. A lot of residents believe they are buying land which is misinformation.
- 2.a) the land they are using is no where near where "kids play" , a lot of people think they are going to remove the playgrounds where the kids play. This also appears to be misinformation.
- 2.b) one of the concerns I've heard is people are worried about children riding their bikes & playing in the extended parking lot by Jewitt City Savings. However, Parking lots are not designed for children to ride their bikes and play in. They are designed for cars to park. With a crosswalk, all pedestrians can safely move back-and-forth from the parking lot to the stores and/or the park.
- 3) even with the other two egresses in place, without this easement, NOT having access to the signal creates a greater public safety problem from a traffic standpoint... especially making a left-hand turn /east onto a Hartford Pike. I 100% support this easement because it's safe and smart.
- 4) As far as the commercial tenants, anyone who wants to get Starbucks or a burger or sub AND go to the park can safely walk there. Walkability is preferred always!
- 5) with these types of stores on this side of Hartford Pike, kids don't need to cross highway 101 to get a bite to eat.. They can do it easily and safely by riding a bike or walking to this project.
- 6.) according to the rendering, it looks like the developers will include sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrians. This is another excellent safety measure for people who want to go back-and-forth from the park to the stores. It doesn't appear that the concerned citizens are aware of this. Perhaps this could be addressed to ease their concerns at tonight's meeting?
- 7.a) This project is adding a significant public resource - a benefit to park goers, the town , increased decent paying jobs for local folks , taxable good real estate!
- 7.b) Aspen dental and urgent care will attract medical professionals
Starbucks can help give a leg up for its employees who want to pursue higher education
(<https://starbucks.corporate.asu.edu/starbucks-college-achievement-plan#:~:text=The%20Starbucks%20College%20Achievement%20Plan,with%20100%25%20upfront%20tuition%20coverage.>) while offering health benefits.
Jersey Mike's is well known for contributing back to the communities they are in: <https://www.jerseymikes.com/giving>
And five guys is a nice alternative to the other fast food burger stores such as Burger King and McDonald's.
- 8) On a purely aesthetic level, Getting rid of two existing buildings and replacing them with this nicely planned retail development will only enhance the beauty of our nice little town making it more desirable.

9) as far as the Starbucks lovers, not everybody prefers Dunkin' Donuts- It's great to have other options that are close to the highway. The closest full service Starbucks stores are in Smithfield Rhode Island & Lisbon Connecticut. The one in target is NOT a full-service Starbucks, you can't pre-order on their app, there's no drive-through, the wait at this this particular Killingly target Starbucks is typically a minimum of 20 minutes plus the time to get in and out of Killingly Commons, and they do not have a full menu.

I thank you for greatly the opportunity to voice my support and I hope you will take it into consideration when making your final decision on this easement request.

Thank you kindly,

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Sent from my iPhone

To the town council of Killingly CT,

Dear council members, I have lived at 122 lake rd. here in Dayville for almost 30 years. I have seen the changes in traffic speed, not to mention the unlawful exhaust noise. First of all the speed has increased well beyond the posted speed limit of 25. I'm not talking about 5 to 10 miles an hour I'm talking over 50 miles an hour. I know this because like some people I know how to clock speeds using a stop watch and two points of reference. We have horses on this road that I have witnessed being passed by motorists who care nothing about safety pass at 38 MPH along with not even making an effort to move over a bit. I have clocked a school bus at 40MPH. We have had an accident this year, a motorist rear ended a vehicle turning into his driveway, who didn't stop she was a hit and run, damage was 4800.00. Last week a neighbor was harassed by a motorist for not turning fast enough into his driveway so the motorist could pass by. This needs to be addressed, what is going to be next, one of us being hit by our mail boxes because cars don't even watch. I was almost hit by a motorist playing cute by veering towards me then pulling away. This town is supposed to be providing safety to its residents. Now I know we can't pull some of the officers away from patrolling and watching the commons stores making sure no one rolls through the stop signs but I think we need to start prioritizing on the more immediate dangers at hand. I suggest rumble strips be installed at the straight areas of the road. I can elaborate on the decibels of noise it would create, defiantly nowhere as loud as the cycles and trucks that are racing through. If you like I can send the information. There are many different ways rumble strips can be constructed as any engineer can state that make less noise but makes vehicles slow down. Especially at 25-30 MPH, the noise is minimal than a vehicle going 68 MPH yes I did clock a P/U truck going that speed. My number is 860-230-8918 if you need to contact me. Please don't have a cruiser sit in plane site, this accomplishes nothing in the long run. It only pacifies someone who really doesn't care, I Do.

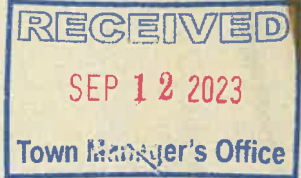
I'll be looking for results.

I also would like to get an update on the general ledger and line items posting on line so taxpayers can follow the towns spending. It has been over two years since I sent the letter and the council voted on this proposal 8 to 1. It shouldn't take this long. I can only suspect that someone is dragging their feet. There seems to be a lot of that lately.

Ben Chase 122 lake rd. Dayville CT.



Goodevening



My name is Orville Terwilliger
I have lived my life in the town of
Killingly for 81 years and have seen many
changes

I am here tonight to present my opinion
concerning the town ordinance under consideration
by the town council to grant an (Right of way)
or easement for a passage way from a private
business. I believe this plan may have been
discussed before the three parcels of land
were purchased.

My opinion is that the town should
not grant this property as the town only
has a small Recreation area and having
the land along the skate park and tennis
courts sacrificed is wrong.

also the extra congestion from three or
four extra new businesses plus doctors office
Real estate office Local bank plus all park
activities splash pad, several ball fields and
special events at the park should not be
allowed.

I ask the council to consider this
matter very seriously and make the
right decision

Orville Terwilliger
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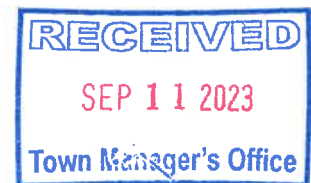
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From: Misty Crowley <misty_crowley@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Owen Bell easement

Good Morning,

While I am in support of developing our tax base through development of new business, I am greatly concerned with allowing the sale of the driveway of Owen Bell for an easement. This intersection is already a tragedy waiting to happen, as unsupervised children are not properly and consistently using the pedestrian crossing lights. To add even more traffic through the park, creates even more opportunity for a tragedy. Support the business but please do not support the shared driveway easement.

Misty Crowley
26 Deerwood Dr.



Ashley Fell

From: Cathy Markley <markleycathy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:50 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Easement proposal at Owen Bell Park

Killingly Town Council,

I am opposed to an easement between the basketball and tennis courts and the back of Jewett City Savings Bank. Owen Bell Park is a special asset in Killingly and the parking lot is busy. We need to protect our citizens, especially children at play, from another nearby road. The Killingly Commons intersection is already very busy and this proposed easement will add additional vehicles turning off of Rt. 101 towards Owen Bell Park. Increased traffic will be very noisy and disturbing to those trying to enjoy the park. All the construction vehicles and then a stream of delivery trucks as well as customer traffic at the proposed location after the strip mall is completed is not what we need to see or hear at Owen Bell Park. Please vote against this proposal.

Cathryn Markley
102 Island Road
Dayville, CY 06241

Sent from my iPad



September 11, 2023

To Members of theTown Council

Re: Agenda item #14(a)

I am writing in support of granting the conveyance of access and utility easement to CPD Killingly, LLC at 580 Hartford Pike.

I, however, am concerned about safety for those who will be accessing Owen Bell Park and walking in the area. It seems to me that a good solution could be found to allay the safety concerns while improving an area that has been left unattended, overgrown, and totally unused for many years. Improvements on Route 101 would be a definite benefit to the towns' image as well as providing a variety of services to residents and those traveling the Hartford to Providence corridor.

Safety measures should be the responsibility of the developer...a fence with gated access may be a possibility. Under no circumstances should the Town be responsible for the cost of any safety measures.

Perhaps this project will encourage those who own properties in the area to improve their street presence.

Sincerely,
Lois Latraverse
64 Island Road

