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To: Neville, Elizabeth
Subject: [SPAM] - Zoning change hearing on Fishers Island

Dear Ms. Neville,

I am writing to let you know of my concerns over the rezoning of the “Briar Patch property on Fishers Island SCTM #1000-6-6-20.8 from R-80 (Residential) to HD (Hamlet Density). The Fishers Island Utility Company is seeking the change to build housing for its working staff. While I am very cognizant of the need for affordable housing on Fishers Island, I also know that there are other existing properties on the island that could be renovated, rather than seeking out a zoning change in a high traffic recreational area across from the island’s popular baseball diamond that is also environmentally sensitive (a wetland abuts the property) in order to build a multiple family dwelling. Furthermore, the Utility Company is not in the business of housing development and I am concerned that they will not properly maintain the property in this high visibility area on the island.

The false promises made by the Utility Company in regards to the installation of a diesel generator less than a half mile from this area where they are seeking a zoning change gives me more reason to be concerned. With an agreement with the Groton Utility Co, the Fishers Island Utility Co. installed the large capacity and noisy and smelly diesel gas generator adjacent to another island recreation spot, Dock Beach. When the generator was installed the neighborhood property owners, of which I am one, were promised that tree plantings would be put in, and that the generator wouldn’t be noticed for its noise and it would not impact the neighborhood. None of these promised were kept. In addition, it is highly concerning to me that the Utility Company now has its sights set on building additional housing when they already own existing housing in the neighborhood that appears poorly maintained. And to close, it seems to me the FI Utility Company should be working more closely with the island group, The Walsh Park Benevolent Corporation, whose business it is to develop and maintain affordable housing on the island, rather than get into the business of housing development themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

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