Ethan Parsons

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Sent:

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To:

Ethan Parsons

Subject:

5-7 Turkey Shore Rd

Hello Ethan, please forward this to the Planning Board. Thank you very much.

To the Planning Board,

I voted for the new zoning bylaw, Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. I felt it would help home owners and family needs; diversity and apartment affordability. These values I just took for granted but now think the town law needs re-examination to see if it meets these goals.

I thought these family and civic values were the spirit of the bylaw when it was passed. Now, I think this bylaw needs pause and examination since it is all numbers. There is no value definition. For example, could a developer from anywhere buy and build just by meeting a minimum sq. foot requirement using this case as precedent? Where are definitions in this by law? Diversity? Family support? Affordable Rents? Can we pause and take a look at the in-town bylaw picture and neighborhood facts? The bylaw needs attention and definition.

I live at 18 Turkey Shore Road. You can go up and down the street and find houses built close together for family and owner-occupied reasons. Not by a developer land use. This is a neighborhood. It has gone up and down over the years, but now is up because the people who live in these houses take pride in their neighborhood.

Once a precedent is set, it opens all doors. Why are we rushing here? Rents and neighborhood facts should be considered in the law's definitions. How can any board make good decisions that impact a neighborhood and the town character long term unless they have a bylaw that better defines the goal?

Issues can be worked out to get values the original bylaw was seeking. Without such, it could be a nightmare. Things change. This bylaw needs re-examination and definition. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Maguire 18 Turkey Shore Rd