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From:

Petie Wasserman <petie.wasserman@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 12, 2018 4:36 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Hampshire Country Club

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To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I are long standing members of Hampshire Country Club. I am writing this email to demonstrate our support for the condo development proposal. Selfishly, I want the golf course to remain as an 18-hole course. We live in Harrison, and the convenience, beauty, and unpretentiousness of Hampshire has been very satisfying for both of us. We were members of Ridgeway Country Club for 33 years prior to its' closing, and this has been a great substitute.

I can only see the benefits of this plan in terms of traffic, and added value to Mamaroneck as a viable community.

Thanks for hearing our points of view.

Petie & Harvey Wasserman

From:

Deborah N Plachta <grendelo@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 12, 2018 6:10 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

This is on the Hampshire golf course

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This is a f/u to my email of 2/2/18. Unfortunately I will be out of town as of tonight and cannot attend the meeting. Deborah Plachta

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From: Norris, Dana < DNorris@TishmanSpeyer.com>

Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 6:17 PM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject: Hampshire redevelopment plans

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Betty Sherer Land Use Coordinator Village of Mamaroneck

Good evening, Betty -

As a long standing member of Hampshire Country Club and someone who works in the real estate industry, I have followed the various proposals and meetings regarding the development plans. It seems inconceivable to me that the local neighbors would favor the loss of open space to build single family homes, as opposed to maintaining the open space and addressing a need for high end, empty nester condos. The renderings do a great job of minimizing what is seen by neighbors, so I applied the developers and their architects.

There have been many members of the club looking to downsize from their homes in the area, who have commented if the condos existed, they would be first in line to buy one. What is being proposed would serve an unmet local need, keep taxpayers in the area, and really add very little burden to local services such as schools. Instead, these members have sold their homes and moved to New Rochelle or Manhattan as empty nesters.

I hope the town will look at the overall value of the 2 proposals in the context of ALL users, and keep the open space (and the 18 hole golf course). A 9 hole course is really meaningless when there are many other clubs in the Mamaroneck, Scarsdale and Larchmont area that would be happy to add members.

Best,

Dana Norris 917 907 2373

From:

Lynn Greenberg < lynnjgreenberg@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 12, 2018 9:29 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Unfortunately I cannot attend the board meeting

Regarding Hampshire, but would like to voice my concern.

Regards,

Lynn Greenberg

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Betty-Ann Sherer

From:

Barbara Brown brbrown1066@gmail.com

Sent: To: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:50 PM acutler@vomny.org; Betty-Ann Sherer

Cc:

dsmith@hampshireclub.com

Subject:

Hampshire

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

We would like to express our support for HCC's plan to build a limited number of condos on the land at the existing clubhouse site and to keep in perpetuity the remaining 110 acres as an 18 hole golf course.

We urge the planning board to allow this project to move forward.

Barbara and Anthony Brown 1501 Fairway Green

From: Sent: Eric Greenberg <erg220@lehigh.edu> Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:56 AM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Hampshire

Planning Board,

My name is Eric Greenberg and I am currently a sophomore at Lehigh University so I will not be able to attend the board meeting. I have lived in Orienta my entire life. Apartments would not be a good thing for the community. Growing up living right down the street from Hampshire I have seen that place flood like crazy. There is also a school two minutes away and there is enough traffic already in Orienta. Hope you strongly consider all the problems an apartment could bring to this area,

Thank You, Eric Greenberg

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:09 AM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Cc: dmourouzis@hampshireclub.com

Subject: Letter of Support for Hampshire Country Club

February 11, 2018

RE: Hampshire Country Club

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to you as a Member of Hampshire Country Club and in support of the condo project proposed at the Club. The condo development proposal is not only the far better option for the Club, but also for the entire Village of Mamaroneck. In fact, the positives of this development proposal far outweigh the negatives.

- It's designed for the empty nesters- 55 and older, which means low to no impact on the school system
- The 18-hole Golf Course remains and improves
- Preserves open space
- Increases tax revenue for the Village

It's quite difficult to understand how one can argue against this option.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Patricia Doniger

From:

Jesse Zolna <jzolna@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:39 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Hampshire housing proposal

Hi, I am writing at this time to beg you NOT to approve the 105 new homes at Hampshire. The entire town has been overdeveloped and this is leading to congestion issues that are altering the town forever. At the heart of my request is not making the current crisis in the Town's elementary schools worse.

Unless there is some way to get the builder to fund space for up to 200 new kids up-front, it is a very bad proposition. Perhaps they could build a school on-site?

Thank you, Jesse

Jesse S. Zolna, Ph.D. Mobile: 617.290.5259

From:

Pablo Laguarda < Pablo. Laguarda@laguardalow.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:21 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Hampshire Proposal Hearing

Dear Betty-Ann

I am not sure I am sending this email to the right person but I am going to try nonetheless.

I am writing in reference to the Village Planning Board's public hearing on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding Hampshire's proposal to build 105 homes on the golf course property.

As a resident of the Village of Mamaroneck, living at 1000 Seven Oaks Lane, I would like to stress my strong opposition to Hampshire's development plan. In my opinion, rezoning the property to construct a massive condominium development will have a serious and adverse impact on the community. Added density, increased traffic, loss of open green space, etc. are a few of the valid reasons to deny this plan.

In addition to the Hampshire's plan in general, I would also like to offer my opinion as an architect and urban planner. I am not at all impressed by the quality of the development proposal regardless of whether it is viable or not. It is simply not a good project.

Unfortunately I am not going to attend the open public hearing, but I want my voice to be heard.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Pablo

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From: Carol and Edwin Greenhaus <carolgreenhaus@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:23 PM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:PlanningAttachments:Attach0.html

Request From: Carol and Edwin Greenhaus Email: carolgreenhaus@gmail.com

Source IP: 108.202.231.168

Address: 1055 Nine Acres Lane

City: Mamaroneck

State: NY Zip: 10543

Phone: 914 698-2676

Organization: OPA

The plan being considered for developing Hampshire property would be an affront to the environment and the community. We are most definitely against approving the proposed plan.

From:

Don Levin <donaldlevin@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:48 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer; David Smith Hampshire; Amy Levin

Subject:

Hampshire Country Club

• Dear Ms. Sherer,

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We urge Mamaroneck Village to accept Hampshire's condo proposal -- for many reasons:

For example, the Club's plan:

- Preserves 100 acres out of 106 acres for open space and a golf course;
- Without additional students in the schools;
- Without an impact on the flood elevation of the adjacent neighborhood;
- With new taxes for the Village of about \$2.9 million, a net gain of about \$2.6 million.

Would the Village prefer construction of individual homes on the property?

Thank you for considering this, and kindly pass this on to colleagues who would be part of the development decision.

Sincerely,

Don Levin, 147 Rockland Ave, Larchmont 914-834-5919, <u>donaldlevin@gmail.com</u> emergencies 914-263-3439



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From:

Jeff Chapski <jeffchapski@mac.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:12 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Oppose hampshire development

I oppose the development of Hampshire golf course. The investors don't live here—we do!

Would these investors tolerate a development like the one proposed in their own neighborhood? I think not.

Jeff Chapski 911 Cove rd

Jeff Chapski 917-710-2070

From:

Emily <emgberg@aol.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:50 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Hampshire development

To whom it may concern,

I am a life long resident of Mamaroneck. I moved back to raise my family and I am gradually seeing this wonderful community shift. It's become overcrowded and over built. This development would be a tragedy. Please preserve what we always and appreciated about this community, don't allow this plan to move any further.

Emily Greenberg

808 Claflin ave.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Robin Nichinsky <rnichinsky@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:17 PM

To: Subject: Betty-Ann Sherer Hampshire plan

I am against a plan to build 100+ homes there - it will further overcrowd our schools, cause traffic and flooding and use up beautiful open land.

On the other hand, I love the idea of a reasonable coop plan, preferably ones for retirees, who could use more nice housing units so they can remain in this community. I would consider that a service to our community. That option would have minimal traffic and environmental impact, would not affect our schools, and would provide needed tax revenue to the VOM and schools while preserving a beautiful golf course in our community. Please approve a coop plan! I also recommend the Club be responsible for paving those roads and adding bike paths for kids to ride to Hommocks safely. Perhaps there are other niceties the village could also get out of this. I also don't want the club to go bankrupt and sell everything to a developer. Please don't just listen to a few vocal people - keep the needs of the entire community in mind. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 13, 2018, at 2:21 PM, Noa Yemini Arias <<u>notification+kr4mgg4yeb5a@facebookmail.com</u>> wrote:



Facebook

Noa Yemini Arias, Ross Prussin and Jane Goodrich posted in Forum To Discuss Alternatives to Rezoning Mamaroneck Schools.



Noa Yemini Arias

February 13 at 2:21pm

Reminder - Hampshire Country Club Public Hearing is TOMORROW

Open public hearing at VOM Planning Board on Hampshire's latest proposal to build 105 homes on the golf course.

What: Public Hearing

When: Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm

Where: Courtroom at Village Hall, 169 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Mamaroneck

Issues for our community:

- flooding
- traffic congestion

- school overcrowding
- environmental contamination

Attend the Planning Board meeting and be HEARD. If you cannot attend, send an email to the Planning Board at <u>Bsherer@vomny.org</u> and tell them what you think.



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Sent from my iPhone

From: Debbie Bunder <dsbunder@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:24 PM **To:** Betty-Ann Sherer; Mayor Tom Murphy

Subject: Hampshire Development

I'd like to voice my opinion about Hampshire's housing project. It seems to me that the developer would like to work with the community to build something that wouldn't put an impact on our schools and infrastructure. One idea to limit the impact on the schools is to restrict the new housing to buyers who are 55 or older and make it into a "retirement community."

This just happened in the City of Rye. In order to greenlight a developer's request to convert a vacant office building into residential, the city council ruled that buyers of the 1&2 bedroom condos have to be 55 years or older. The luxury retirement community is currently under construction and will be located next to The Osborn on Old Post Road. The city of Rye is excited about the development as it won't impact the schools, adds housing for an underserved segment of the population, and will add tax revenue to the City of Rye.

I think this is the perfect solution to please both the developer and the community. In addition, perhaps the community can purchase part of Hampshire GC that is closest to the Hommocks School and convert it into field space, with a nature preserve and a running/biking trail. Perhaps we can work with Westchester Land Trust to purchase part of the land.

As a lifelong resident of Mamaroneck/Larchmont and a real estate developer, I think it's time to stop the fighting and allow our community to benefit from the beautiful land that is currently called Hampshire Country Club.

Best, Debbie Bunder

From: Ivonne Levin <ivonnelevin@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:36 PM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject: Hampshire public hearing

Dear Ms. Scherer,

I would like to voice my opposition to the Hampshire development of 105 new homes; it is my opinion that this development would impact negatively in our community, causing environmental problems, traffic congestion, schools overcrowding.

I currently live in the village of Mamaroneck, at 1000 Seven Oaks Lane.

I am not able to attend tomorrow's public hearing; for that reason I am sending you this email.

Thank you for looking into this.

Sincerely,

Ivonne Levin

From: Samuel Porat <samuel.porat@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:36 PM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject: Hampshire Country Club development plan

Dear Board members of the VOM Planning Board:

You have the difficult task of balancing the needs of our Community with the economic interests of developers to stimulate economic activity and progress in our great Community. So first and foremost, thank you. Thank you for your hard work and thoughtful deliberation and thank you for creating a fair and open process for people in our town to weigh in on this and other plans.

Unfortunately, a prior engagement prevented me from attending tomorrow's hearing, but I hope, through this email, my voice is heard and my opinion is taken into consideration along with others in your decision. I am a home owner and Mamaroneck resident for a decade. I currently reside in the Orienta neighborhood along with wife and two children who attend Central Elementary School, so I am directly impacted by the Hampshire proposal. My wife and I own a local business in Mamaroneck so we are entrepreneurs and we appreciate the need for economic progress and development to stimulate growth in our Community and tax base. We also have experience developing commercial and residential properties in the town so we do not approach the Hampshire development plan with a preexisting bias.

However, we believe the current Hampshire development proposal(s) are bad for our Community for various reasons:

- Schools Our elementary schools are already overcrowded and our School Board and Community are struggling with a solution which has not yet been decided or implemented, let alone evaluated as to its success. It would be simply irresponsible to allow such a large scale development to go forward before we have a concrete plan to accommodate our existing base of students for the next decade. The Hampshire developer talks about marketing the project to older residents who won't burden our school system with many additional students, but how can they guarantee this? They will sell their properties to the highest bidders and it is likely that those bidders will be young families who cannot yet afford to buy our expensive homes with their already high local taxes.
- Traffic The Hampshire property has only 2 traffic routes in and out; Cove road and Eagle Knolls/Hommocks Roads. Cove Road is already in dire need of repairs. Both routes already face heavy traffic usage especially in high volume times such as morning and evening rush hours to work and to school. How will the addition of dozens of new condos or homes impact traffic on these routes? It is likely to cause heavy congestion at their respective junctions with Boston Post Road at the Weaver and Orienta intersections.
- Environmental impact The Hampshire property is shared with many different species of fish, fowl, deer and other animals large and small. The area is a large estuary and habitat for migrating birds and other animals who "share" the golf course and nearby lawns and wilder areas with human residents. Hampshire is a well-known flood zone and it absorbs a lot of water from more and more frequent and powerful storms that would otherwise impact our homes. How will a large new development affect the natural flood and water movement patterns in the area? Which homes that currently do not have water issues will now develop water mitigation problems as a result of the inevitable change in terrain that results from such a large scale development?

• Infrastructure - Our schools are crowding, our train and bus systems face constant delays, our roads are potholed and our storms create regular blackouts. We are a great and diverse Community yet we struggle to keep up with our current demands despite one of the highest tax burdens in the country. How will the addition of hundreds of new citizens in a short period of time affect our already creaky infrastructure?

The Hampshire developers have not addressed these and other concerns to our satisfaction. The risks of this large development plan, relative to the size of our Community, is large. There are also alternatives: the status quo has worked for years and it should be considered seriously; perhaps leaving the area as a park with land for a new school? We have other options and we must review those too. The risks of this plan simply do not outweigh its potential benefits in terms of additional tax revenue and I urge you to weigh the gravity of these risks in your important deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sam and Lauren Porat

From: trent spiridellis <trent_spiridellis@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:43 PM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Cc: nrudowitz@yahoo.com; AMESSINA11@OPTONLINE.NET; findchuck@yahoo.com; Dan

Margoshes; anitababikian@gmail.com; Tina Maresca

Subject: Hampshire housing development - LMFC response to submissions by the developer

Dear Village of Mamaroneck (VOM) Planning Board,

With respect to the proposed housing development at Hampshire, the Larchmont Mamaroneck Football Club (LMFC), which is one of the largest youth sports organizations in our community, wishes to inform the VOM Planning Board that the leadership of our club was never contacted by the developer for input.

Any representation by the developer that it's sought the input of the LMFC appears to be disingenuous.

While the LMFC Board has not yet had an opportunity to review publicly available material RE: the development proposal, certain members of the club's leadership have expressed serious reservations about the likely increase in traffic in and around the Hommocks grass fields, which are utilized extensively by the players, families and supporters of the LMFC in the fall and spring, as well as related considerations.

Please share this message with the VOM Planning Board in advance of tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks,

LMFC Board of Directors

From:

robert lieber <rklieber@optonline.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:45 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Subject:

Hampshire golf course development

Mamaroneck Planning Board

Our family lives on Rockridge road in view of the golf course. Over the years we have seen the golf course flood many times and it has come to our attention that the land is in the coastal flood zone. Attached are photos of the flooding which occurred due to the recent light rains over the past few weeks. It seems that any development of this property would violate environmental law regarding wetlands. As sea level rises, this will become more and more of a problem.

We're also concerned about the level of noise that might come from any major construction projects taking place in the area and from the property itself once it's developed. My wife struggles with insomnia, is self employed and works from home during the day. One of the reasons for originally purchasing this property is how the road is quiet throughout the day and night. This construction would disturb the entirety of those who surround the development as there are other families who live practically on the golf course.

Our son attended Hommocks for his middle school education and is currently enrolled in MHS. Both schools already have a huge student population and a more students would definitely be an issue. The level of traffic on my commute to work and occasionally when I have to drop him off is presently a problem. Currently, the morning school drop off hour is a nightmare at the intersection of Boston Post Road and Hommocks Road. I can not imagine how much worse it would be with more traffic originating on Hommocks.

This development would fundamentally violate what the town stands for: the preservation of Mamaroneck's original infrastructure, and the community itself. I would like to thank everyone who has made an active effort in working to prevent this mistake in massive overdevelopment. We ask the planning board not to approve the housing development on Hampshire golf course.

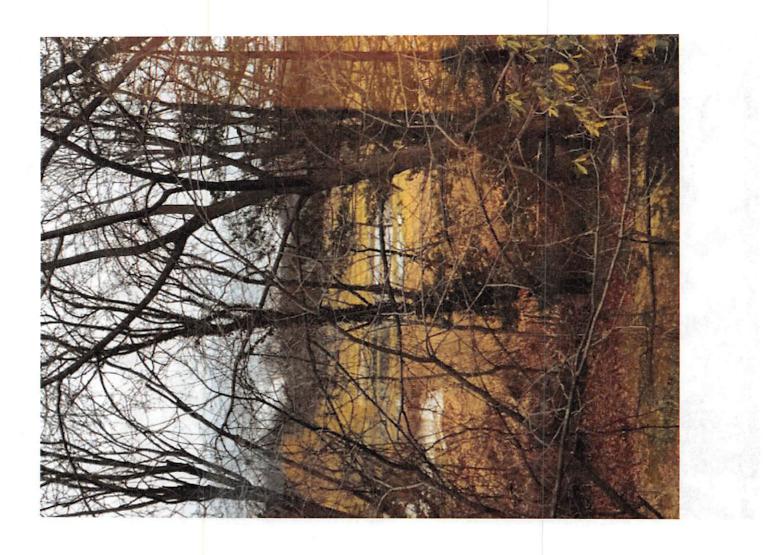
Respectfully yours, The Lieber family 10 Rockridge Road

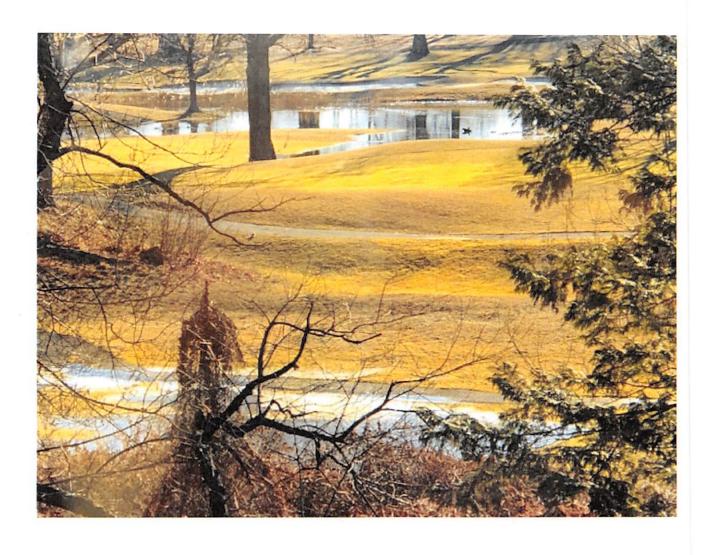












From:

Marshall Steinberg <mtsteinberg28@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:59 PM

To:

Betty-Ann Sherer

Cc:

dsmith@hampshireclub.com

Subject:

Hampshire Country Club

To whom it may concern,

I have been a member of Hampshire Country Club for several years and have loved the experience. As a result, I have been following the news surrounding the proposed development. I certainly would not like to see the club either closed or with a 9 hole golf course instead of the current 18. But, I am certainly open minded to the concerns of the Larchmont community. My son and his wife and 3 children are living in Larchmont.

After examining the proposals of the Hampshire owners I am hard pressed to understand the opposition to the condo project. It would not cause overcrowding in the schools, would not harm the environment, would not result in traffic problems, and could be completed within a year or two and bring increased tax income to the community. The alternate proposal of building homes and carriage homes would result in more schoolchildren in already crowded schools and also make Hampshire less viable as a golf country club which would result in less tax revenue. Golf courses are closing daily around the country and clubs without homes are severely at risk. I believe that if the condo project is rejected that the homes will have to be built, therefore, and the community will suffer. I urge you to approve the condo project and it certainly appears to me that the developers will be open to negotiating a successful plan.

Thank you Sincerely,

Dr. Marshall and Ms. Terry Steinberg

Sent from my iPad

From: Abby Roberts <abbyroberts46@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:36 AM

To: Betty-Ann Sherer

Cc: Mayor Tom Murphy; Nora Lucas

Subject: Hampshire environmental impact - thoughts

Hi Betty-Ann,

Sorry for the day-of; it took me awhile to digest the Hampshire plans. I plan on attending tonight, but also wanted to put some thoughts down both in my role as Village Traffic Chair and as a resident of 1030 Old Post Road, which is directly impacted by this plan, and as owner of an investment property at 74 Post Lane, which overlooks the Hampshire golf course and is hugely impacted.

Quick note: Before I begin on the major issues, I would also like to quickly note that **Post Lane** was not considered as part of Hampshire's "overlook" study, but would be hugely impacted as it's right next to Cooper so any road would go right by all the residents, including our house at 74. I'm also pretty sure given the views that 74 Old Post Lane would be able to see quite a bit of the construction.

Recommendations:

- The sprawling development proposals over the majority of the golf course should be denied as inconsistent with Mamaroneck's environmental code and the community's ability to handle the additional flooding issues, emergency services, infrastructure, traffic and students it would entail.
- Any plan that would use Cooper and Hommocks as routes into the development must include (at a minimum) sidewalks along Old Post Road (including Gillies Park), Cooper and the back of the Hommocks into the development to help ensure the safety of our children and community with the traffic influx.
- Dump trucks with fill should be prohibited during peak school hours I'm also just worried
 about them in general and would not want them going through the Hommocks with all
 our kids
 there.
- Cooper and Post Lane residents need some mechanism to ensure their homes and property
 values aren't substantially decreased by the widened road going into the development. This
 could be landscaping, soundproofing not sure what.

Major points:

 The two proposed developments (single family and single family / carriage home mix) would completely undermine Mamaroneck's environmental code, which has designated Hampshire as a **critical environmental area** and one of the largest open spaces left on the Sound Shore. Putting a sprawling development on Hampshire and carting in untold (and inconsistent) amounts of fill is just not consistent with that vision, which should be respected.

- Having seen the entire golf course underwater on multiple occasions. I do not see how this plan adequately mitigates for major flooding which is a when not if. The flood gates discussed would not provide for it, and the roads would still be underwater. This would also put an incredibly amount of cost and stress on Village and Town services, including water, electrical and emergency response services.
- Traffic would double on Old Post Road, which already has incredibly heavy car and pedestrian traffic as it is a feeder street from Orienta to Boston Post, Central Elementary and The High School. The Village Traffic Commission, among others, has studied the road and recommended a sidewalk be installed for pedestrian safety issues and this is before the proposed plan. (As a side note, we reviewed the car and pedestrian study on Old Post Road and think it's incredibly inaccurate. Far more than 9 cars go through Old Post Road in an hour during peak traffic time even during non-peak time there's a lot more than that.)
- In addition to regular traffic doubling, the plan requires so much fill that dump trucks would literally be
 going through Hommocks and Old Post Road every few minutes for years. As a parent, I'm horrified
 by both the safety implications for our children, and also the additional traffic burden on already
 overly-trafficked streets.
- The plan would add an **incredibly stress on Central Elementary and the rest of the school system**. As I'm sure you're aware, the school district is already dealing with an overcrowding issue in its schools adding a **potential 10% to the student population** would be insane, and we do not currently have the facilities or spend to cover it.
- Allowing pesticide-ridden Flood Water to continue to contaminate the Long Island Sound is not a plan.

Thanks for your attention,

Abby Roberts