

Dear select board:

To start with, yes, I am prejudice about some of the subject, because my daughter and her husband may be directly affected by your decisions.

Let's start with the lot on old county road, my daughter and her husband own a house (which they built) on map16 lot193/195. Holly lane, Pin oak circle. Each is a 1/2 acre lot joined together. When a building permit was filled for, for what was a 1 acre lot, they were told the house must be classed as "*affordable housing*". Since they were planning on living there, even though it didn't seem fair, they agreed to it. Mind now, there are dozens of houses built on 1/2 acre lots all over Pin Oak subdivision (I built 2 myself). So the rules changed.

These lots were created before zoning. When zoning started (about 1970 I believe) it was acre and 1/2 for lots. Before zoning, there was a Board of Health ruling to have 200 ft. between well and septic, this was to increase lot size until zoning came along (not right!). Now I think zoning requires 3 acre lots. So, the question arises, how is it that a "regular" person must have a large lot to build on but it is O.K. for the town to build on tiny lots with a duplex (Map 16, Lot 194) for "low income people"?

While we're on the subject, what about the 2 units on the old fire station lot on court house rd. Map 22, Lot 8---3/4 of an acre!

Then there is the Howe's house expansion plan, 4000 sq. ft to 10,000 sq. ft in that location, NO-NO-NO, there is not enough parking there now for what is going on in the neighborhood. There is no question that something should be done for the up-island council on ageing but that's not the answer.

The town cannot keep trying to put everything in one spot. The Library, Howe's house, Alley's store, and surrounding things are an example. interesting, the town wants to use some places to the extreme, new fire station, police station and town barn on lot 97, 3.5 acres (which is fine until it comes time to expand). This is interesting since the town seems to want to overuse some places yet will not allow some others to use their full potential, Agricultura Society property on Pan Handle road comes to mind (Map 25, Lots 1.1 & 2.2 25.9 acres total) large buildings and lots of open space-parking.

Lastly, let's talk about the zoning inspector, I believe the zoning inspector job should be a full time one, at present the same person is both zoning inspector and building inspector. Nothing against Joe, but I think both jobs are too much for one person.. The Select Board should think about having separate inspectors.

Sincerely

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