

Jen Rand,

We think this should be addressed to the Board of Selectman as well as you but are not sure how to do that. We hope that you will share this with them, please.

As the only abutters to the 401 State Road project for Affordable Housing, we wanted to share our thoughts and concerns regarding the recent conflicts that have arisen. First of all, I want to say that our interactions with the AHC have been most pleasant. We have attended all the meetings by zoom since the 401 State Road project has begun. We have always felt welcomed and included. They have indicated that they understand our concerns and would try and honor them as best they could. After the RFP response came out, we and the AHC were very surprised at how little attention had been paid to our concerns or those of the committee. We have included a copy of the letter that we sent to the AHC following that.

Since then, we have attended all the meetings of the AHC by zoom. I don't feel at any point that the committee was rude or disrespectful to John Abrams or South Mountain, but truly wanted him to come back to them with a better, more acceptable proposal. We are not sure what happened to make South Mountain pull out of the project but hope that AHC and IHT can move on with another design group, as we feel this is an important project for the Town of West Tisbury. Though the members of the AHC have had some differences of opinion, they have treated each other and us with respect and have tried to keep the project moving forward.

We would be happy to discuss this with you or the Select Board if you wish. You have my email, and I would be happy to give you my phone number.

Respectfully,

Sara Rosenthal and Julie Prazich