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Subject: Church Hill Parking Lot

Todd, can you please forward to the Planning Board and CC the Conservation Committee? Thanks as always and we hope all is well in your world.

- Scot

Planning Board Members,

Thank you for your service to our Town as these past few years seem a true challenge on the planning board! Just know that you're our representative balance between quaint little Durham and the modernity that we must embrace to live on. Expanding our non-student housing offerings, spreading the tax burden while keeping our Durham values in mind is not an easy request.

But request I do...

As several of you know, I have been more than vocal with regards to the future of the Oyster River, the safety of our waterways and securing the future of our native wildlife.

I implore you to further the success that the Oyster River (and tributaries) have started this year. 74% of our voters upheld the decision to remove the Mill Pond Dam and start the healing process for this river system and estuary. The

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right way to do this is to uphold our environmental standards, setbacks and runoff requirements. The Church Hill changes, parking lot or otherwise need to be held to these standards.

I'm not passing judgement on the development project as a whole, purely looking out for the future of our rivers and the opportunity we have with College Brook.

College Brook is reportedly the most impaired Oyster River tributary. The Church Hill Woods are currently helping protect the estuary from further nutrient runoff, flood surge and act as thermal refuge. We need these critical functions to continue.

Granting any environmental exceptions to this project should not happen. Any changes to shade cover, seepage, grade or otherwise should at least be offset by mitigating actions, approved by our own Conservation Committee.

This is an opportunity for the development group to realize some of their goals while our Town, College Brook and the greater estuary are protected from further degradation.

Please represent these majority interests and please reach out to me with any questions or needs.

Thanks again for your service!

- Scot Calitri
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