

In the spirit of full transparency and knowledge beforehand, I believe that all Town rules, regulations, and ordinances, should have their anticipated social and environmental consequences for Durham's residents and anticipated economic consequences for Durham's taxpayers thoroughly estimated and vetted prior to promulgation.

This should be a fundamental fiduciary component of the Town's Councils, Boards, Committees, and Commissions as well as their overarching support of the residents.

My comments should not be construed to suggest that we solve every social or environmental issue nor that we should not attempt to solve those issues locally. I do not suggest that the Town can only do what reduces costs just as I am not suggesting that the Town must spend every penny it can take in. I am stating my belief that Durham's residents and taxpayers deserve to understand the anticipated impacts from proposed decisions before those decisions are implemented. Informed decisions are better decisions even when they are unpopular.

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