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Dear Mashpee Board of Selectman and Mashpee Planning Board,

I am writing to you to ask that you please take pause on the Mashpee Commons Expansion project. Please table this massive proposal until the proper studies can be done, the Development Agreement can be proposed and real time can be spent on looking at Mashpee and how we see ourselves as a town. On our town website, there is an 'Open Space Conservation and Recreation Plan' . Within this plan, there is a section titled 'Community Vision' and within this section there is stated a vision for our town dating back quite a few years ...

- When asked why they came to Mashpee, respondents stated that the following were "important" or "very important": rural character 85%, small town lifestyle 86%, open space 86%, air and water quality 89%, beaches and ponds 85%, recreational opportunities 72%, tranquility 89%, golf courses 29%, boating opportunities 44%, fishing and shellfishing 42% and Native American history 35%; - They felt that the following were among the most serious problems facing the town: population growth 74% (the #1 concern), loss of open space 44%, pollution of groundwater 76%, pollution of bays and ponds 68% and loss of small-town character 43%; - 74% felt Mashpee is growing too fast;

This Mashpee Commons project undoes EVERY SINGLE ITEM mentioned in the 'Community Vision' report that came from the townspeople themselves. We must evaluate all aspects of this project as it impacts our town: Traffic Study, Fiscal Impact Study, Environmental Impact Study just to name a few.

I am all for progress and understand that need as much as anyone, but there is no reason to take this process out of order, jumping to the Zoning By Laws before we devise a Development Agreement is a recipe for disaster. Also, bringing the physical boundaries of this project to our literal shores undoes what little progress we have made in realizing our plight with diminished water quality, something that must be our priority.

As a taxpayer, I implore you all to please take pause on this project until all of the proper background work can be done to proceed correctly.

Thank you for your service to our beautiful town. Please help us to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Wollerscheid