

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: OCTOBER 22, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

First Name Last Name Street Address Comments: Per Council rules and procedures, please limit comments to what can reasonably be read to the meeting record in three (3) minutes or less. Please be mindful that this form is for public comment only. Please direct questions/general inquiries to Council members directly.

Dave	Overstrom	35 Leigh Gate Road	<p>Dear TPZ and Town Council Members, With regards to the proposed “Hopewell Crossing” development as part of the application by Morello Realty LLC, I’d like to make the following requests: 1) May we please conduct a professional traffic study and safety report (per 4.17.3.15 of our Zoning Regulations) on the impact to Hopewell Rd, Main St, and High St? There are 82 parking spaces combined that serve Sayulita, Thai House, Annie’s Nails, USPS and Brookside Market across the street (Village Commercial zoning). We need to better understand how the existing infrastructure (road, sidewalk, traffic signals) can support an additional 84 vehicles proposed on the 2.35-acre lot (Village Residential zoning) and its impact on vehicle and pedestrian safety and traffic patterns. This report should model and consider impact during peak times of 7-9AM and 3:00-8PM ET M-F. 2) Can we also request a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (per 19.3 of our Zoning Regulations) be provided to the public for review? We need to understand the storm and surface water drainage plans and impact to local sewer systems as well as surrounding properties, including erosion and flow patterns to Roaring Brook (<450 ft South) and the Connecticut River (<1mi West). 3) Finally, given the property falls on a Groundwater Protection Zone 1, can we request a DEEP Aquifer Protection Area Materials Management Plan be provided and reviewed? This will allow the Town and State to understand groundwater impact and plans both during construction and ongoing maintenance to handle runoff and contaminants into our aquifer. I think it is important for us to request this information and review the impact to health, safety and our environment with both the State and the public before we consider moving forward with such a project. Thank you in advance for consideration of these critical items. Dave Overstrom</p>
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