

June 15, 2022

Attention: MBTS Zoning Board Members:

Dear Zoning Board Members,

I would first like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your attention and hard work regarding the proposed 40B on School Street.

I have attended many if not all of the meetings and have come to a simple conclusion that this project is unsuitable for the proposed site and in general for our small coastal town.

It is understood that you have all been placed in a very difficult position, however you must do what you can to protect and preserve the integrity of our environment, drinking water, landscape, and the small scale of the town.

I have lived in this town for 40 years, and have witnessed many changes that have happened during that time. Whenever a town changes there is always an adjustment period, but usually I have found the changes that have happened to be positive and welcome.

The SLV 136 unit project, proposed to be built on Shingle Place Hill, surrounded by sensitive conservation land and a source of our town's drinking water, will not only destroy the town, and the surrounding environment, it will forever change this beautiful small Coastal Town.

This Town is a small coastal place because it has not been over developed. Comparing our town to surrounding cities and other towns is irrelevant, and has no point. It is okay to have a small, underdeveloped, coastal town. At some point, a town can become overbuilt easily and lose the very character and beauty only a place that allows its natural environment to exist.

The beauty of having town government should be utilized in a way that resonates with each unique town and its residents. Manchester-by-the-Sea is truly a special, small, coastal town. Developers have taken a brazen stance in targeting the most sensitive and inappropriate sites to construct mass developments that do not take into consideration the town or the residents.

The developer Geoffrey Engler has made it clear throughout his excessive time talking on the ZBA meetings that we are at his mercy, he will build this project one way or the other.

I urge the board to deny the comprehensive permit he has applied for, and pursue meeting our state affordable housing quota in a reasonable and environmentally friendly way.

Thank you,

Sarah Pierce

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