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Later today is the Planning Board Meeting, that I will not be able to attend.
THIS IS MY VOICE....

Gentle people,
I am writing with my concerns about the potential rezoning of the 88-acre tract of land near me. My name is Christine. And I live on Brandywine Road.

I have enjoyed this bucolic-while-convenient neighborhood for many years now. It's understandable why those seeking to move to the area would consider this vicinity. It has an excellent ratio of people to land to wild life to proximity to conveniences. The people and traffic densities seem to be at their pinnacle sweet spots. But, here's ONE of the problems with "being" and "marketed" as a great locale to live:

The moving of large numbers of people here...anywhere...is what CHANGES the very characteristics for which they moved!!

In other words, IF the rezoning were to be approved, the current neighborhoods would never again enjoy the calm, wonderful balance of nature-to-conveniences: the essence of the pleasure of living here.

Take, for instance, the photo I attached. It was taken early morning, April 14. (Several of the 10 deer were in spots on my lawn I couldn't capture in one photo. And I didn't want to startle them away by opening my door.) It was taken only hours after the Stimmel online presentation the evening before, which discussed the traffic flow and houses per acre and other professional assessments. But, studies and surveys and measurements can't convey the actual pleasures of living in a neighborhood where there's still enough "still" for creatures beyond humans. The density ratio of LIFE to LAND has been already maximized.

Though this area is not an official Deer Preservation, I think they're symbolic of a value system...a life style. Their well-being is already in jeopardy with the traffic and speed being what it is on Somerset Drive. And we can't even imagine what the increased perils to humans and animals alike will be, with the ENORMOUS increase in cars and traffic conditions. I approximate an additional 500 cars would be taking daily round-trip drives on Somerset Drive.

The essences of great, treasured neighborhoods can not be mechanically measured.

I adamantly oppose the rezoning of the nearby 88 acres.

Though the Stimmel presentation stated that only half of the 88 acres would be built upon, still....223 dwellings on 40+/- acres is TOO MUCH.

The imbalance of additional people and traffic is TOO MUCH.

It's all TOO MUCH.

Please...NO to the Rezoning proposal.

no. no. NOOOOOOOOO.

Please.

I know I can't stand in the way of building the standard number of houses per acre.

But, NO !!!!! to more than that.

Please.

Thank you.

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