

Pickering and Son Upton Funeral Home

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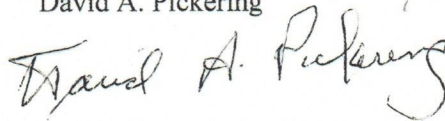
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To All Departments and Committees,

FOR THE RECORD we have concerns about the proposed development next to our property and the potential for increased runoff and more frequent icing problems in our parking lot. Our engineer and site contractor reviewed a sketch plan meant to address the future runoff that was offered by the developer. They agree that adding a berm as suggested by the developer may help alleviate some of the inevitable increase in runoff toward our property, but that additional flow may overwhelm the small drain that is currently on our property. The berm would also impact our ability to maintain the parking area in the winter. Our engineer and site developer have suggested an underdrain (French drain) that would run behind the Funeral Home toward the rear of our property around our parking area and garage and outlet to the northeast near the developer's land. This would mimic existing drainage patterns without over taxing the small drain on our parking lot near the Funeral Home. An underdrain would also serve to intercept and remove high groundwater during the spring, which we expect will increase (last longer into the summer) once the development has been constructed. Our engineer has provided a sketch and we would like this concept incorporated in the developer's plans for approval by both the Conservation Commission and ZBA. We understand we may need to authorize the work on our property for the developer, and grant him permission to make such improvements, and we are happy to do so.

We were unable to come to an agreement with Lobisser Building Corp. with what our engineer and site contractor proposed, and were left with the option of the developer building a berm to divert the 47 Main Street water run off into our small catch basin drain or to take a \$4,500.00 pay off option to handle the water run off on our own. Neither option is acceptable.

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