

FW: Comment on the Peer Review NOI for 47 Main Street

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Hello Commissioners and ZBA,

Please see below correspondence from Rick McGuire. This will be posted to the ZBA website for all 40B materials.

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Michael
Joe,

Please forward this note to Chris Scott and Mary Overholt of the conservation committee since I do not have their email addresses.

After reviewing this document, I noticed that Ecosystem Solutions, Inc. (ESI) reviewed the water issues encroaching on the Pickering Funeral Home and water drainage issues facing School Street. ESI did a very thorough job with their observations and suggestions to address these issues.

Between the Pickering Funeral Home and 51 Main Street, there is a culvert which drains water from the 47 Main Street property and from 51 Main Street. This culvert dumps water to Kevin McLaughlin's property and beyond to Pleasant Street. Not much more was mentioned about this issue other than a culvert exists.

In the past, we would receive a 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch of rain. These properties suffered flooded basements and standing surface water. During the last year or two, we have been receiving rainfalls of 2 to 3 inches of rain frequently. This runoff for our neighbors on Main Street and Pleasant Street has become much worse. Unfortunately, due to climate change, this is the "new normal."

I am pleading for the Conservation Committee to ask ESI to refocus their effort to address this water runoff issue. As a Town, we need to take a holistic approach to this and resolve this issue for all of our residents. We seem to be hung up on, "Is this is a Kevin Lobbisser's issue or is it a MassDot issue. This is the Town of Upton's issue, and we need to collectively resolve a serious problem. The 47 Main Street development project could potentially exacerbate this water runoff issue.

Please post this letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals website also.

Regards,

Rick McGuire

The link for the BOS letter to the ZBA and Attorney Hill's Initial Review of the 7 Main Street project is attached for the Conservation Committee's discussion.

<https://uptonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4784/Letter-from-Select-Board---Attorney-Hill-Review---July-11-2024pdf>