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Mr. Stith:

My name is Joseph Gross and I am the President of the homeowner's association comprised of the seven residences located at 1177 Sagamore Avenue. As such we are abutters to the proposed development located at 1169/1171 Sagamore Avenue, just north of us and just south of the residences at 1163 Sagamore Avenue. I have been in contact with Bill Bowen who gave me your name and contact information. I plan on attending the February 1st meeting and would like a chance to address the board if that is appropriate.

Our concern with the proposed development primarily centers around potential increased water runoff. We are worried that increased runoff from the new homes will negatively impact the residences that directly adjoin the new development. We are also concerned that increased runoff from 1169/1171 will cover Sagamore Avenue creating a serious hazard in winter during freezing temperatures. The area in question is unlighted and the road curves increasing the risk of an icy roadway at that point.

I am not an engineer and quite frankly find the three engineering studies confusing, certainly not written in plain English for consumption by the casual reader. As I understand it, Mr. Bowen's association hired Ambit Engineering, the developer hired Jones & Beach and the City hired Altus. I do have a lifetime of experience with hired experts. I know that one does not enjoy a long lucrative career by giving clients advice they don't want to hear. So, disregarding Ambit and Jones & Beach, would it be possible for our water concerns be put to Altus either before or at the meeting? If their opinion is that we have nothing to worry about then I would submit my concerns are moot.

We also have more general concerns about the loss of tree cover negatively impacting our view (and thereby the value) from our homes and what sort of landscaping/fencing will be used to delineate the property line between our properties and 1169/1171.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter,

Joseph Gross