

To whom it may concern:

We are Michael and Carrie Emond and we live right on the border of Methuen and Dracut. Our actual address is 1565 Broadway Road, Dracut, but 1/2 acre of our property is in Methuen (on North Lowell St.). We pay both Methuen and Dracut taxes.

We are highly concerned with the size of the Murphy Farm project being proposed. The developer is proposing 300 - 4 bedroom rental units at this site. The Methuen ZBA agenda does not have this detail listed for the meeting tonight. This is 1200 bedroom units in the space and feel a misrepresentation of how this will truly affect our area.

We are also very concerned with the increased traffic that this will surely bring. As it is now, the traffic is already congested in this area. Some mornings, it takes upwards of 20 to 30 minutes to travel the 2 miles to the set of lights at Lowell Street. And, with another estimated 700 - 800 cars a day, the impact will be too much.

Lastly, there is the dangerous curve where Wheeler St. and Wheeler Rd. intersect. Wheeler St. is narrow as it is, not allowing 2 cars to pass by at one time, this poses safety issues as the traffic increases.

Does Methuen already meet the 40B 10% housing or 1.5% land use guidelines for 40B safe harbors? If so, Methuen can outright deny O'Brien's 40B comprehensive permit application with immunity from recourse at the Housing Appeals Committee. If not, what does Methuen have to gain from this project - there are no benefits and wouldn't this be cause for denial? Methuen will gain more traffic, will have increased safety issues in an already dangerous area to travel, and will have to supply water and sewer for these 300 - 4 bedroom rental units that are in Dracut.

Thank you for your time,

Michael and Carrie Emond
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Hello,

As a resident of Methuen for 70 years, I would like to ask the Board of Appeals to very carefully consider the increased vehicular traffic that will be caused by the Murphy Farm development plans along the Methuen/Dracut border.

Traffic at certain times of day over Routes 110 and 113 coming and going through Dracut has become impossible in recent years. It's already very difficult and risky exiting side streets along those two roads. The Murphy Farm development and other housing projects in East Dracut will only make it worse for Methuen residents.

Also, Wheeler Street is a very narrow and winding road. There are sections that are actually dangerous. It is not a suitable road for increased traffic.

I realize we can't stop development in Dracut, but we don't have to facilitate these projects that have a negative impact on Methuen.

Please reject this plan

Kenneth Doherty
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Members of the Board

While my office is in Methuen I live in Dracut right next to O'Brien's proposed project. I think it's important for the citizens of Methuen to be aware that this is far more than a request for a variance to build duplex and a driveway to reach property in Dracut. What many in Methuen may not be aware of is that this proposed project consists of 300 four bedroom units in an area that doesn't even have a two family home for miles.

The project is to be built in Dracut on the Methuen line. The only thing separating this project from Route 93 is METHUEN!!! All of this traffic is going to flush right into Methuen and clog 113 and 110. This project will also use Methuen water and sewer. Dracut's folly is going to become Methuen's problem.

The public notice makes this sound far less serious than it really is.

Thank you for allowing my comment

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