Public Comment

Benjamin Nyes ANR - CCC No 24019 - Falmouth

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We are abutters to the proposed workplace housing development at 48 Benjamin Nye Lane. We are in support of adding workplace housing with Habitat for Humanity as well as the placing of significant land in conservation. However, we have some concerns with a few details of the project.

WILDLIFE

First the plan proposes a twenty-foot margin around the project. This may impact the wildlife in the area reducing their access to the northern side of Benjamin Nye. Our wildlife cameras weekly capture several deer in our back yard and the woods behind us. The deer consistently move from south to north along the property boundary.

In addition to deer we also see coyote, fox, racoons and even the Eastern Box Turtles (referenced by the 300 Committee Land Trust). Photos and videos available if needed.

TRAFFIC

Benjamin Nye Lane is a narrow road with limited sight lines. Added traffic is a concern as the road is already a passthrough for drivers coming from Wild Harbor, many times too fast for the road. Benjamin Nye is also used by walkers many with dogs, cyclists and school children grades 5 to 12. The added traffic from the new project should include some speed mitigation (signage and or speed table).

INFRASTRUCTURE

A lesser concern with the project is the adequacy of the water supply to the project. Both Cameron Road and Needles Lane branch off Benjamin Nye) and are older roads and as such have aged water mains. I am confident that the town will ensure that the water supply will be adequate for the new housing or updates made.

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