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<u>Town Planner's Project Review</u> Wednesday, January 11, 2017

- XV. Public Hearing Young Drive Redevelopment. Design review (preliminary) application for the redevelopment of Young Drive into a senior housing project (55 years of age +). Young Drive, LLC, owner. Francis Chase, agent. Eric Metz, consultant. Dennis Quintal, engineer. Gary Lowe/Ned Adams, Lowe Associates, architect. Jeff Brown, attorney. Map 4, Lots 42-2 through 42-14, Lots 42-16 & 17, Lot 47-0. Coe's Corner Zone.
- I recommend that the Planning Board discuss the project and continue or close the design review, as appropriate.

No new information has been submitted. Again, generally, it is best to keep a design review process open until there is some general consensus that the proposal is workable (or until the process has otherwise run its course). I do not believe that we are at that point yet, largely due to numerous concerns that have been expressed about the proposed height, mass, and locations of the buildings and the prominence they would have from Dover Road, Bayview Road, and Beard's Landing Road.

At the last meeting the Planning Board appointed a committee composed of Andrew Corrow and Jim Lawson to meet with the applicant to discuss the process further if the applicant thought such a meeting would be helpful. The committee met yesterday with the applicant and with Mary Ellen Humphrey and me. I will send minutes from the meeting to the board shortly.

The applicant mentioned at the meeting that they might wish to postpone from January 11 but I have not heard further at this point.