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Subject: requests for information | Mill Plaza

Greetings, Rick --

Not surprisingly, given my previous requests for information, I heartily second Josh's request (below) for information that we should have received well before now. I hope that tonight (May 13) the Board will ask CDA to provide it prior to the next meeting.

We have never seen any comparison, such as via an overlay, between what is proposed and what currently exists on the ground, for any of the plans proposed over the past five and a half years, despite repeated requests.

Even if Planning Board members can visualize what is being proposed, since even abutters who know the site and its environs well cannot easily do so, the Board has a responsibility to make sure that the community understands the potential visual and spatial impacts so that public hearings are meaningful and helpful to the Board.

This information should be required of the applicant, plain and simple. It is not the job of staff or community members to cobble together images or measurements. If key measurements such as what Josh requests are on sheets of the site plan (which are so densely detailed as to be nearly illegible to those who do not have access to the original software), they should be extracted and presented clearly.

I also echo Josh's specific request that the Planning Board ask the Colonial Durham team to respond to resident Bob Russell's letter of April 23.

Please forward this email thread to the Board. Thank you.

Regards,

-- Robin

Robin Mower

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.*

-- Theodor Seuss Geisel, author and illustrator

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joshua Meyrowitz <prof.joshua.meyrowitz@gmail.com>
Subject: Basic Boundaries
Date: May 12, 2020 at 4:42:47 PM EDT
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Hi Rick,

Thank you for all your efforts and recent responses – including your efforts to develop on your own the basic information that CDA should've provided in January.

From what I can tell, the Mill Plaza property extends about 70 feet or more past the current paving toward the edge of the Chesley Marsh, which is opposite from the College Brook wooden bridge.

From your overlay diagram, it still looks to my amateur eyes as if building C (or at least its tall retaining wall) would be hundreds of feet closer than current building 2 is to the marsh, the bridge, and the neighborhood.

Exactly how many feet closer? The PB and public also need answers to the other questions in the Prof. Robert Russell letter.

This specific dimensional information should've been provided to the planning board and the public months ago. Can you please see that we get it from CDA immediately?

Thank you,
— j m









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