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Subject: Mill Plaza

Dear Planning Board Members, ZBA Members and Todd,

I have read the recent update on the Planning Board and ZBA's latest interactions and decisions regarding the plaza. It makes me think of my experience as a parent and a retired first grade teacher in the district. In my experience, a child playing a game might want to change the rules mid game if things were not going their way. You can't change the rules to your advantage in the middle of a game is an important lesson learned early on by most children. I applaud the ZBA for remembering and applying this lesson learned early in life. The Planning Board should abide by the rules instead of trying to manipulate them to the developer's advantage.

On another note, it seems the PB is trying to make this work as a means of dealing with property taxes. As I said in my last correspondence with you I am a tax payer. My taxes pay for trash/ recycling collection, for plowing snow, for the upkeep of roads, for town government, for a police department and so many more things that make my life work in Durham. I also want my taxes to pay for my town to have a downtown - a downtown I can enjoy for shopping for more than groceries and filling prescriptions, for eating out, meeting friends for tea etc. with a pleasant place to sit outside and visit.

A downtown that draws me in. A downtown with a personality. Another large student housing building and a big parking lot does not offer anything to me a tax paying resident of Durham.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

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