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Subject: downtown amendments
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Dear Karen,

Please forward my note below to the Planning Board. Thank you.

Beth

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Dear Members of the Durham Planning Board,

I wanted to express how pleased I was to learn that the proposed downtown amendments are not intended to supersede existing regulations in our ZO that limit the height of buildings to no more than 3 stories along Main St. (from and including T&C and heading east to the corner of Main and Madbury, and down Madbury Road within the CBD). I am also pleased to hear the clarification that Mixed Use will remain as Conditional Use in our CBD.

Finally, I appreciated Councilor Lawson stating at the September 17 Town Council meeting that he thought the idea of limiting the number of bedrooms in the proposed amendments to be no more than one- and two-bedrooms to attract a more mature demographic was a good idea. It is my understanding that he plans to bring forward to the Planning Board some adjustments to the amendments that will insure such a result.

With respect to the letter regarding the downtown amendments that was dated September 12 and signed by 129 residents, I believe signers will be pleased to hear that that Councilor Lawson has expressed his support for making adjustments to the amendments in order to construct units that will accommodate a more mature demographic, i.e. graduate students and young professionals. Thank you in advance for being responsive to community concerns.

Sincerely,

Beth Olshansky