

Dear Durham Planning/Zoning Board Member:

I am writing with my strong objection to the proposed zoning changes modifying the zoning for several Durham land parcels, including mine, from Residence Coastal (**RC**) to Rural (**R**), as proposed by the Durham Agricultural Commission.

As I understand from attending the Agricultural Commission's June meeting, the major difference between RC and R zoning is with the keeping of livestock/poultry/goats/etc. for **COMMERICAL USE**. The current RC zoning designation already permits these use cases *with approval* on a case-by-case basis, which gives neighboring property owners the opportunity to weigh in with their concerns and the ability to request conditions/limitations be imposed on specified uses. Under the proposed R zoning, the keeping of livestock would be permitted **unconditionally** with **no approvals needed**, severely disenfranchising those most impacted by the change. To reiterate, this rezoning would result in blanket approval for development by eliminating the voice from those most impacted by the change.

This change will affect neighboring residential property owners who purchased their homes in an established residential neighborhood, not a rural neighborhood. The agricultural commission's response to concerns raised at their May meeting was that the proposed new R zoning is not substantially different from the current RC zoning. As far as I can see, the only real change this re-zoning accomplishes is to limit the rights of the existing neighboring residential property owners.

As discussed in the Agricultural Commission's June meeting, there are no planned **setback** requirements being placed on the lots under consideration for rezoning which allows **livestock fencing** to go **right up to the property line**. A point made at the Commission's May meeting was that the land behind many of our homes along Shearwater Street is currently owned by the NH Fish and Game Commission who has the ability to sell it, thus opening this lot up for commercial farming right up to our shared property line.

This presents several direct, negative consequences to me and my neighboring residential property owners, including but not limited to:

- ***Negative Impact on local ecosystem (ground water run off with the river/bay so close)***
- ***Negative Impact on our community well(s), including water quality and supply***
- ***Negative Impacts to local air quality***
- ***Negative Impact on property values in my neighborhood, due to nuisance issues created by noise, odor, rodents, and visual intrusions***
- ***No recourse by neighboring property owners for negative impacts.***

By my signature below I ask that you consider the rights and interests of the existing residential property owners abutting these parcels and deny the re-zoning request:

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