

River Sound development has been kind ~~enough~~ to go on a site walk of the properties they have designated ~~as building sites~~ for their proposed housing units. ~~On~~ on that note however, These site walks have been conducted in a time where the area has ~~no~~ little visible living vegetation and a time where the animals who live in these areas are in hibernation. To clarify my point, The site walks have ~~been~~ taken place in a time where the public eye can be more easily persuaded.

The reason I say this is because seeing these properties in the winter is far different than it is to see them in the spring and summer. In the summer the amount of wildlife is vast. If building is conducted this wildlife will be destroyed and or ~~sp~~ pushed into people's backyards. This wildlife would include turkey, deer, rabbit, and even more importantly coyote. Coyote ~~is~~ a big problem. This is because they will become more hostile ~~do~~ to all of the blasting and disruption of the backhoes ~~and~~ chainsaws. This creates a risk of people's small children and pets being attack or the unmentionable happening. Not only should we worry abt coyotes, deer also pose a threat of car accidents.

At the last meeting I also explained my fear of large trucks on Bokum rd. The issue not only is that these trucks will cause traffic and potential life threatening car accidents, it is that these trucks will be on my road for a long period of ~~re~~ perhaps 3 years or more.

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While the land clearing will not take 13 years the construction of these houses will. This means a constant headache for the neighborhood and people just trying to use Bokum Rd. to access Essex and ~~the~~ Westbrook.

~~My final concern is the blasting and land removal that~~

An issue that I also see is that the endangered and at risk species like the spotted Salamander will be ~~be~~ diminished. I can attest to this because when the abutting Saybrook ridge ~~of~~ a sublot divisions were ~~put in~~ dug for test holes, they were filled with water. These test holes were allowed to sit for days until they ran dry. Every year following I have not been able to find one spotted Salamander in my yard a quarter mile away. Prior to the test holes I could lift any rock and find one. I am no expert on biology however I am not a novice on the issue either. ~~This~~ This is no coincidence. If such impact was done from just digging test holes imagine the damage on the Vernal Pools and Wetlands that lay next to the proposed road to be built. We saw them dry as a group however if you see them in the rainy months like April they are ^{projected} full and flourishing with Amphibians. The ~~potential~~ number of housing units is far higher ~~than what we are~~ than the 9 on Bokum road. The 9 houses to my understanding are just to show the potential Riversound has to sell more.

houses in the future. While a houses may sell among
with the others on ingham after ~~a~~ a long time on the "Page 3"
market, with the way the housing market is there is
no way all 221 will sell. It's not coincidence
that every court has denied the old plan. What I want
everyone to remember is that once these few
"test houses" as I call them are allowed to be
built, there is no undo button. ~~There~~ Once you
let the camel's nose under the tent there's not
much ~~from~~ keeping the rest of the body from
following. What makes Old Saybrook unique
is not the number of large developments
and golf courses. It is the rich environmental
resources such as the Connecticut river, Long Island
Sound, and at stake, "the Preserve."
lets keep Old Saybrook the way it is, historic,
quiet and unique.

Forgive any gramatical mistakes in this
letter and it's current condition, I would
type this letter if I had the chance.

Finally I would like to say that whatever the
price of the land is, "22 million" the cost if
River Sound dev. LLC. is able to develop would be

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200 million plus 34 million up front.
Either way Old Saybrook would have to sink
tons to hundreds of millions of dollars into this
project. My question to the Commission is Would
You rather pay 200 million to help somebody build
houses and bridges and have a town in chaos?
Or would you rather pay 20 million to own the
property and not have to burden a small town with
another 180 million dollars?

Forgive me if this information, "or portions of it"
are void to the issue at hand,

Also please forgive me if my letter is difficult
to read. I wrote this on my leg sitting in
the audience.

The blue^{ink} portion was written in 2010 following the
first meeting, The black portion was added at
a later time the same day as the blue ink portion

This pencil written portion was added Feb 16
during the most recent meeting.