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Mr. Tom Daly
Chairman, Princeton Planning Board

I have no intention or desire to relocate my excavating business back to 5 Hickory dr, at one point years ago I did, I had no other choice at the time. Fortunately my business has outgrown this property and I was able to purchase a 7000 sq ft building with 9 acres of the last and only active property in the industrial zone on Hubbardston rd, Princeton. My businesses has resided there since 2007. I own 3 different businesses , construction company, soil/mulch/compost bagging plant, and biomass recycling company, none of which I intend to relocate at 5 Hickory dr. I have made this statement very clear on the floor of public hearings and to individuals and yet it still becomes repetitive rhetoric in regards to the Worcester Rd village overlay district. My property is one of the few left that are eligible for business or change of use under current existing zoning bylaws, if the business zoning were to be taken away it would be a immediate direct financial hardship. I don't think its fair to have this taken away from my family or others. I would be left with nothing more than unappealing lot under the "power lines". I don't have a specific intended use at the moment, it doesn't mean that myself , my wife , or my daughter might not have a more appropriate use in the future . People are entitled to their opinion of the zoning bylaw, they are not entitled to attach a predetermined specific use to any of my properties . The subdivision of "Wildwood Acres" was built on top of and around the existing business zone, some people are under the understanding that my lots are being singled out for a change from residential to business , when they have always existed in the business zone. My lot was the last house in the area to be built, all residents of "Wildwood Acres" had the same opportunities to purchase these lots as I did, but yet they sat vacant for decades.

I do not believe an imaginary line crossing the street at post office place will accomplish anything but future confusion, those boundry lines are subject to change .Street corners are more prominent distinct boundaries. The idea of a village concept is to connect the areas together not separate one from the others. I don't believe Hickory dr should be held to a higher standard than any other, what is good enough for Sharon dr, Jillian dr, and Stagecoach dr , is good enough for Hickory dr . Worcester rd is the new "center of town". Princeton business/ industrial zones have been restricted enough , I don't want to see this town become a bedroom community.

I live and work in town the majority of my time. I interact with the same people of the area , all day ,every day. I find that people from the area are being misled about the intentions of the bylaw, and the intentions of some residents. For example yes it allows "mixed use" but they are not being told it also gives the planning board the right to determine if that "use "is fitting for that particular lot and its abutters. It also creates buffer zones to stop negative impact on all neighborhoods. There is nothing in place to solve any of those issues currently. I find that people are very receptive to the concept once its not being distorted to look like a wolf in sheeps clothing. I suggest any resident looking to learn more about the Worcester Road Village Overlay District for themselves, attend a meeting, or talk to an unbiased member of the planning board.

Regards,
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