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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
SOUTH WINDSOR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM held by way of an Online WEBEX Conference Meeting to consider the following:

1. **Appl. 20-55P, Johnstone Text Amendment** – request for a Zoning Text Amendment to modify Section 7.11 Home Occupations to add Section 7.11.3.12 under the “Major Home Occupation” criteria to require a minimum of 50% of product offered for sale must be made on the premises

2. **Appl. 20-56P, UW Vintage Lane II, LLC** – request for a six (6) lot subdivision of 12.4 acres, including a Special Exception to Section 3.2.2 for one interior lot, on property known as 503 Barber Hill Road, located northerly of Vintage Lane and westerly side of Barber Hill Road, RR zone

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To call in with comments to this meeting, please call Webex Conference Call-In Number: (855) 925-2801 (Meeting Code Number to be provided on the agenda.)

Copies of the application are on file in the office of the Town Clerk or/and Planning Department, and online at <https://www.southwindsor-ct.gov/planning-department/pages/planning-and-zoning-commission-applications>. At this hearing, interested persons may be heard by calling into the meeting, and written comments by the public will be received by mail or email to planningzoningcomments@southwindsor-ct.gov. Persons who may require an accommodation can contact staff Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (860) 644-2511, ext. 329.

Bart Pacekonis, Chairman
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Johnstone Text Amendment for Major Home Occupations
Public Hearing 12/8/20
Planning Department Report

1. This is a request for a Zoning Text Amendment to modify Section 7.11 Home Occupations to add Section 7.11.3.12 under the “Major Home Occupation” criteria to require a minimum of 50% of product offered for sale must be made on the premises
2. The current home occupation regulations state: *articles not made on the premises shall not be sold on the premises*. This amendment would allow for articles not made on the premises be sold as a part of a major home occupation.
3. Currently, a property owner can request the use of an accessory structure for a major home occupation business. The Commission may want to limit the square footage allowed in an accessory structure that can be dedicated to retail sales so that the intent of the home occupation is maintained. Currently, businesses are limited to 25% of the dwelling unit floor area.
4. The Town Plan of Conservation and Development includes recommendations regarding opportunities to promote locally grown products:
 - In the Farmland section of the Plan of Conservation and Development, one of the goals states: ‘Support and expand the market for locally-grown products’. It goes on to say: ‘Actions the Town could take include: Help market locally grown products.
 - In the Residential section, one of the goals states: to minimize impacts from potential incompatible activities (such as traffic, noise lights, etc) – this minor change would allow for more flexibility to make there major home occupations more viable; however all impacts would be evaluated at the time of the application through the established criteria and process.
5. The Capitol Region Council of Governments reviewed the amendment as required. The CRCOG review indicates that, “The staff of the Regional Planning Commission of the Capitol Region Council of Governments has reviewed this referral and finds no apparent conflict with regional plans and policies or the concerns of neighboring towns.”
6. If this text amendment is approved, there are no additional planning department recommendations.

APPROVAL CONDITIONS FOR ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT

PROJECT: Johnstone Text Amendment –
MHO retail sales modification

APPL. #20-55P

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission finds that the zone text amendment in conformance with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.
2. The effective date of the zone text change is 12/27/2020.

Appl 20-56P Vintage Hills II Subdivision/Special Exception

12/8/20

1. Request for a six (6) lot subdivision of 12.4 acres, including a Special Exception to Section 3.2.2 for one interior lot, on property known as 503 Barber Hill Road, located northerly of Vintage Lane and westerly side of Barber Hill Road, RR zone. Property size is 12.5 acres.
2. This subdivision involves the extension of Vintage Lane to the property to the north to create three lots at the end of the cul de sac. In March of 2019, the PZC granted a subdivision waiver request allowing the extension of the temporary cul de sac. The PZC originally approved a subdivision plan with four lots at the end of the cul de sac; this plan proposes three lots on a permanent cul de sac.
3. The property is currently an open farm fields with tree lines property boundaries. The plans show the limits of clearing on the plans. There are several large trees that are proposed to be preserved in both the town ROW and on the lots.
4. Several of the proposed lots are in excess of 2+ acres and the two frontage lots along Barber Hill Road are 1.3 and 1.6 respectively. The lots appear to meet all other zoning requirements.
5. The requirements for the interior lot in the RR zone include 80,000 sf minimum lot size and 262.5 feet minimum lot width. This lot is 2.7 ac. with a frontage line parallel to the street of 495 feet.
6. The criteria for approval of interior lots include:
 - a. the subject area's boundary configurations, topography, soils or other natural resource characteristics;
 - b. proximity to neighboring properties and dwelling units;
 - c. restriction of existing views;
 - d. proposed buffering/screening;
 - e. potential drainage, traffic & environmental impacts
 - f. driveway locations, slopes & sight lines
 - g. utility service capabilities
 - h. property value impacts; and
 - i. future land use alternatives.
7. Interior lot will and the lot to the south will share a common driveway. This is a requirement of the subdivision regulations (B.4.a) when subdividing on a collector street. The driveway proposed is a shared driveway and is designed 18 feet wide up to the first driveway and reduces to 12 feet wide. The interior lot has been designed with a turnaround the ability to turn-around to satisfy the fire department's requirement.
8. The setback for the interior lot has been increased to 75 feet and landscaping screening has been shown between the two lots.

9. The plan shows two new driveway onto Barber Hill Road. Sidewalks are shown on both sides of the extension of Vintage Lane. Street trees are shown on both sides of the new streets. The applicant is proposing Little Leaf Linden trees. The town's tree planting specification shall be added to the plans and used for installation of the street trees.
10. This subdivision is subject to an open space requirement. The applicant is proposing a fee in lieu of open space. In accordance with Section 5.C.1.c of the subdivision regulations, the fee will be ten percent of the fair market value of the property prior to subdivision approval. This fee is payable on a per-lot basis, at the time of initial conveyance of each lot. The applicant must provide, with the Commission's agreement, an appraiser to determine the fair market value.
11. The site will be serviced by public water and septic systems. The health department review and approval will be required at the time of the building permits for the individual lots.
12. There are regulated wetlands northwesterly of the project that will receive some of the drainage over land. The applicant has received IWA/CC approval on 11/18/20 with the following conditions:
 - i) A bond of \$25,000 for establishment and maintenance of erosion controls; and a bond of \$20,000 for installation of stormwater structures shall be posted prior to construction.
 - ii) The soil disturbances should be limited to only that area necessary to construct the house and septic system on the site.
13. We note that a "representative" house footprint is shown. If this application is approved, when an actual house plan is submitted, it is especially critical for elements, including landscaping, to remain as shown on this application. The applicant and any purchasers need to understand that any modifications other than very minor ones would need to return to the Commission for approval

If this application is approved, there are no Planning Dept. requested modifications.

**STANDARD APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBDIVISIONS &
RESUBDIVISIONS**

PROJECT: Vintage Hills Resubdivision/Spec Exc

APPL #20-56P

ARCHITECT/ENGR: Design Professionals, Inc.

PROJ #4280

Submit mylars of sheets:V-2, Sp-1, Sp-2, C-GD2,

Special Exception form to go on file

1. This approval is for 6 lots, numbered 1-6.
2. Concrete sidewalks, built to Town specifications, shall be installed on both sides of the new streets.
3. Drainage and construction for this subdivision is subject to the approval of the Town Engineer.
4. Water shall be supplied to this subdivision by public water.
5. *This application is subject to the condition of approval of the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission including bonds in the amounts \$25,000 for the establishment and maintenance of erosion controls; and a bond of \$20,000 for installation of stormwater structures. The bonds shall be posted prior to construction.*
6. Street lighting shall be installed on streets, at intersections, and on cul-de-sacs in accordance with the policy established by the Chief of Police. Street lighting is to be coordinated with the Chief of Police.
7. Street names and locations of fire hydrants are subject to the approval of the Fire Marshal of the Town of South Windsor. Street names and supporting posts shall be installed by the developer in conformance with the standards of the Town of South Windsor, at no expense to the Town.
8. A liability insurance policy shall be submitted to this Commission naming the Town of South Windsor as an insured, with a combined single limit for bodily injury and/or property damage in the amount of \$1,000,000.
9. Trees within the street trees easement and any other trees on land that is currently or will in the future become Town-owned land are to be planted in accordance with the enclosed Tree Planting Specifications.
10. Prior to commencement of any site work, a preconstruction meeting must be held with Town Staff.
11. All plans used in the field by the developer must bear the stamp and authorized signature of the Town of South Windsor.
12. All easements for conservation purposes, drainage or utilities, that may be required in connection with the approval of this subdivision, must be submitted on standard Town easement form where appropriate, to this Commission prior to filing the mylars and issuance of building permits. All deeds for open space, public improvements and roadways must be submitted prior to request for Town acceptance; all deeds must be in accordance with the policy for accepting deeds and must be approved by the Engineering Department and Town Attorney.

13. Footing drains are required for each house. Prior to the building of any structure on a lot, a topographic map, drawn to a scale of 1" = 40', shall be submitted for each lot in the subdivision, showing proposed contours, elevations and the location of the footing drains. No building permits will be issued until the proposed contours, floor elevations and location of footing drains have been approved by the Town Engineer.
14. Septic system and/or private well final design(s) must be submitted to and approved by the Environmental Health Officer prior to filing of mylars and issuance of building permits.
15. If, for any reason, finished grading and other individual lot site work is not completed, the Town Engineer shall determine the amount of a cash bond to ensure final grading and site work. This cash bond must be submitted prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
16. Quantity estimates must be submitted to the Town Engineer (on the enclosed form) for the purpose of determining subdivision bonding. All bonds shall conform to the enclosed bond policy and shall be posted prior to filing the final plans in the Town Clerk's office.

If the developer chooses to submit a Letter of Credit for a one year term, said Letter of Credit must be renewed on a yearly basis until completion of the development. If a new Letter of Credit has not been received within 30 days before the expiration date, the Commission may, at its option, call the Letter it is holding.

17. In accordance with Section 5.C.1.c of the subdivision regulations, a fee in lieu of open space is required. The fee will be ten percent of the fair market value of the property prior to subdivision approval. This fee is payable on a per-lot basis, at the time of initial conveyance of each lot. The applicant must provide, with the Commission's agreement, an appraiser to determine the fair market value.
18. A drainage assessment fee in the amount of \$350.00 shall be submitted to this Commission.
19. No building permits will be issued until all modifications have been complied with, and the final plans have been filed in the Town Clerk's office.
20. *The Town Engineer's review comments dated December 1, 2020 must be incorporated in the final plans.*
21. *A quit claim deed shall be submitted to establish the street line on Barber Hill Road in front of the property.*
22. *The developer is responsible for preparing the deeds for the conveyance of the existing cul de sac wings to the abutting property owners and restoring the lawns.*
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**CHRISSEY'S HAIR STUDIO MAJOR HOME OCCUPATION
PH 12/8/2020**

1. This is an application for a renewal of a 5-year major home occupation permit to operate a hair salon at 1483 Ellington Road, RR zone. This is the applicant's fifth renewal.
2. In approving the original application, the PZC required several site improvements that have been accomplished and also placed several conditions on the original approval including:
 - ◆ Operation of this salon is restricted to the present owner;
 - ◆ Retail sales of hair products are restricted to incidental sales to hair customers; and
 - ◆ Hours of operation are limited to Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm; Sunday and Monday closed
3. Since that time the applicant has indicated that she operates less hours than the current approval. Her current hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 am – 7:30 pm and every other Saturday from 8 am –12 noon.
4. Public sewer and water services the existing house.
5. The parking requirement is being met within the existing fenced parking area and the applicant currently has a sign on the property.

If this application is approved, the applicant would also be required to return to this Commission for renewal upon expiration of the 5-year permit period.

STANDARD APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS FOR MAJOR HOME
OCCUPATION

PROJECT: Chrissy Hair Salon

APPL. #20-53P

ENGINEER/ARCHITECT:

PROJ. #

This approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The business must be operated by the homeowner.
2. The permit will expire on October 27, 2025, and will have to be renewed at that time.
3. Only one non-resident employee can be hired.
4. Hours of operation currently are Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 am – 7:30 pm and every other Saturday from 8 am – 12pm.
5. Refuse from the business cannot be disposed of with residential refuse. Adequate arrangements must be made for business refuse disposal.

Appl #20-57P, 240 Ellington Road Distribution Facility
Site Plan Modification
December 8, 2020
Planning Department Report

1. Request for a Site Plan modification to the previously approved 82,000 sf distribution facility to utilize the facility as a package delivery station on property located at 240 Ellington Road, I-291 Corridor Development.
2. Proposed changes to the site plan include modifications to the parking area to accommodate an additional 170 parking spaces. Changes to the architectural elevations include the elimination of some of the loading dock areas and overhead doors on the north side of the building.
3. The proposed floor plan shows the proposed layout for this use within the facility. The Commission may recall that when this was approved in November 2019, at that time tenants were unknown was proposed to be developed in two phases, with the outdoor storage as a part of phase 2 if a user has a need for it. This user would not have any outdoor storage.
4. It appears that all zoning requirements have been met. Maximum impervious coverage allowed is 65%; 61% proposed.
5. A new traffic study has been prepared and submitted. The applicant has provided an executive summary for your review. This summary outlines the intended operation of this facility. The Office of State Traffic Administration approval is required; and OSTA has full jurisdiction over traffic signals and road improvements on State roads. We would require any final plans submitted reflect any requirements of the State's approval.
6. The new parking areas have been designed with required landscaping treatments and the islands in the parking areas are being designed with EV Charging capabilities.
7. The applicant intends to have a monument sign at the Ellington Road entrance and would be allowed building signage. All proposed lighting has full cutoff fixtures and the pole height 25' poles as well as wall packs on the buildings.
8. The site is served by public water and sewer. Water Pollution Control Authority approval is required.
9. The Fire Marshal's office have reviewed the plans and has no concerns with the changes as presented.
10. There are no regulated wetlands on this property. Staff will be reviewing the erosion and sedimentation plan. The same bonds, as previously recommended, would be required for placement and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls, and installation of storm water systems.

If this application is approved, the Planning Department has no additional modifications.

STANDARD APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS FOR SITE PLAN

PROJECT 240 Ellington Road Distribution Facility – Site Mod.

APPL. 20-57P

ENGINEER/ARCHITECT: BL Companies

PROJ.

Submit mylars of sheets: SP-1, SP-2

Site Plan modification

1. Prior to commencement of any site work, a meeting must be held with Town Staff.
2. No building permit will be issued until the final mylars have been filed in the Town Clerk's office.
3. This application is subject to the conditions of approval of the Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission, including bonds for compliance with the erosion and sediment control measures and to ensure establishment of storm water system.
4. A landscape bond in the amount of \$20,000 is required and must be submitted prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy if work is not completed.
5. All bonds must be in one of the forms described in the enclosed Bond Policy.
6. An as-built plan is required prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy per Section 9.1.3 of the Zoning Regulations.
7. All plans used in the field by the developer must bear the stamp and authorized signature of the Town of South Windsor.
8. This approval does not constitute approval of the sanitary sewer, which can only be granted by the Water Pollution Control Authority.
9. The building street number must be included on the final plan.
10. Pavement markings must be maintained in good condition throughout the site drives and parking areas.
11. All free standing signs and/or building signs require the issuance of a sign permit before they are erected.
12. *Engineering comments dated 12/8/20 must be incorporated into the final plans.*
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TO: Chairperson, Bart Pacekonis, South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission
FROM: Anthony Duarte, Chair, South Windsor Democratic Town Committee
SUBJECT: Proposal for a Housing Moratorium in South Windsor
DATE: November 23, 2020

At a recent meeting of the South Windsor Democratic Town Committee (October 22, 2020) we discussed possible proposal for a Housing Moratorium to be considered by the South Windsor Planning & Zoning Commission. As a result of our discussion we would like to communicate with you about our position on this possible proposal.

The South Windsor Democratic Town Committee has voted to OPPOSE any proposal for a Housing Moratorium in South Windsor. This resolution resulted in a UNANIMOUS vote to oppose any potential housing moratorium.

We believe that any type of housing moratorium is a discriminatory restriction against families, against new economic development, and an attempt to 'limit' or 'regulate' the many different types of housing in town. It is our belief these housing opportunities should be made available to those who would choose South Windsor as a place to live, work, learn and play.

In addition, these are facts that should be considered:

1. A moratorium would hurt South Windsor's economy at a time when we cannot afford it. There are many businesses struggling, and people out of work because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. A moratorium would send a message that the town is anti-development, countering recent efforts to promote smart growth and economic development with new commercial and residential development.
3. A moratorium will reduce the housing supply in a town such as South Windsor that is considered a desirable place to live (#12 in the Top 50 Places to Live in America/rated by Money Magazine). This will artificially drive real estate prices up and would create a housing affordability crisis in South Windsor.

We believe, instead of enacting policies designed to slow or halt housing, our town government should work in this community to expand housing supply and choices for families. Housing goes hand in hand with a strong economy and vibrant community.

Best Regards

Anthony Duarte
Chair, South Windsor Democratic Town Committee

PZC Advocacy Letter - for Public Comment at tomorrow's PZC Meeting

Samantha Petgrave [samantha.petgrave@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 3:49 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Attachments: PZC Advocacy Letter_09.29.~1.pdf (83 KB)

Hello,

I hope all is well.

I slightly modified my original letter sent back in October and would like it read into the record at the PZC meeting tomorrow night during public comment. Most of the information is repetitive from the original letter, but I feel it should be read during the public comment part of the meeting as a means to advocate and educate our community on the importance of chickens and honeybees.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Regards,

Samantha and Hugh Petgrave

C: 860-816-6074

E: samantha.petgrave@gmail.com

September 29, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Samantha Petgrave and my family and I are beekeepers and chicken owners. My husband, Hugh Antonio Petgrave, and my son, Kyson Petgrave, started beekeeping earlier this year. My family and I have been residents of South Windsor for the past 7+ years and my entire extended family grew up in town over the past 50+ years. Additionally, we have strong ties to and are very active in the community. I am writing to you regarding the special discussion tonight on proposed, new, Home Animal Agriculture regulations. In June, our beehives were intentionally drenched in pesticides and bee killer in an attempt to kill our honeybees. As a result, a complaint was filed with Planning and Zoning related to beehives and chickens. Given the timing of this special meeting, I am inclined to believe that this proposed regulation is a result of that one complaint. As a chicken owner and beekeeper, I wanted to provide some information on the extreme importance of honeybees and chickens.

South Windsor is known for its agricultural heritage. My father and uncles grew up working in broad leaf tobacco fields and on vegetable farms some 45 years ago. Families in town relied on farms and farm animals to sustain their families. South Windsor's roots are deeply embedded in agriculture and it seems that as the years go by, we are losing that same sense of agricultural heritage that our town is built on.

The benefits of honeybees and chickens far outweigh any detriment. Honeybees are crucial to our survival as humans. Over one third of the food we eat relies on pollination by honeybees. The FDA states, "It's their work as crop pollinators. This agricultural benefit of honeybees is estimated to be between 10 and 20 times the total value of honey and beeswax. In fact, bee pollination accounts for about \$15 billion in added crop value. Honeybees are like flying dollar bills buzzing over U.S. crops." Millions of dollars are spent renting hives to pollinate farmers' crops as they increase yields. There are three significant threats to honeybees: pesticides, the varroa mite, and habitat loss. The disappearance of honeybees would trigger an inevitable chain of events that could actually impact our health and nutrition. Losing honeybees could lead to a lower availability of crops, which are an integral part of our food intake and that provide essential micronutrients for human diets.

There are many misconceptions about honeybees. Of all the common misconceptions of honeybees, the most widespread is that they sting humans. While some bees do in fact have stingers, it is more complicated than one would think. First of all, male honeybees do not have stingers at all. Female honeybees have stingers, but they are not aggressive. Most of the time, honeybees only sting when they or their hive faces a threat. If you do not provoke or pose a threat to them or their hives, they will leave you alone. Another common misconception is that if you are allergic to bees, you are allergic to all species. This is highly inaccurate. I personally live with a severe, life threatening allergy to wasps and hornets, however I am not allergic to honeybee stings. According to the British Medical Journal, "Bee and wasp venoms are different, each containing distinct major allergens, which are well defined. Phospholipase A2 and melittin occur only in bee venom, and antigen 5 only in wasp venom, but both venoms contain hyaluronidases. Patients allergic to wasp venom are rarely allergic to bee venom... sensitization to wasp venom requires only a few stings and can occur after a single sting. In contrast, allergy to bee venom occurs mainly in people who have been stung frequently by bees. Thus, almost all patients who are allergic to honeybees are beekeepers and their families..."

The importance of allowing beekeepers to continue to maintain their beehives, regardless of lot size, is crucial for all the reasons given above. More so, requiring beekeepers to own at least one acre of land could be viewed as prejudicial, as one could argue that if you are not wealthy enough to own at least one acre of land in town, that you are not worthy of being a beekeeper. The proposed ordinance up for discussion only favors our town's wealthier population and it should be an opportunity afforded to anyone that would like it. Moreover, the proposed number of beehives is unattainable. Beehives require the need to be split when they are overpopulated and this needs to occur frequently as it is their nature. Not splitting a beehive that is overpopulated could cause the honeybees to swarm. Swarming is when most of the bees leave to find a new home. That new home could be a tree, or any other structure the honeybees feel would make a good home. It is not best practice or in the best interest of the honeybees to not split a hive when it is warranted. This ultimately results in a beekeeper now having 2 hives when they started with one. It is the responsibility of the beekeeper to responsibly maintain their beehives and the number of beehives they keep. It is such a detailed and

intricate process that oversight from our town is not necessary. In our case, we follow state statutes and our hives are registered and inspected by the state.

Our current regulation allows for 32 chickens on one acre of land. I am assuming that the necessary agencies were consulted to determine that 32 chickens could humanly and safely be kept on one acre. This would reduce to 16 chickens per ½ acre of land. The current proposal to add a limitation of 8 chickens per ½ acre does not coincide with the current numbers in the current regulation. Please also see the attached letter of recommendation from Professor Michael Darre, Ph.D., P.A.S., Emeritus Professor of Poultry Science at UCONN, stating that a ¼ acre lot would be sufficient for 8 hens, ½ acre lot for 16 hens, etc.

My family and I have kept chickens for the past 4+ years. As “veteran” chicken keepers, we are knowledgeable about chickens and what keeping chickens entails. The benefits of keeping chickens far outweigh the detriments. Studies have shown that a flock of chickens can eat between 3 and 331 ticks in 30-60 minutes with the average chicken eating over 80 ticks. They also eat grubs and other pests. Chickens can eat as many as 2 pounds of insects per day. Chickens provide multiple sources of protein (i.e. chickens lay eggs that provide an excellent source of protein in human diets and we can also eat chicken). Chickens create excellent fertilizer allowing our gardens, grass, and plants to flourish. Contrary to popular belief, they are low maintenance and do not smell if their coops are maintained. Additionally, our chickens are my children’s’ pets. The average chicken will live for approximately 5-7 years. Their egg production drastically reduces once they turn about 3 years old. It is important to allow those older hens to live out their lives humanely, but in order to sustain egg supply needed to feed our family, it requires purchasing more hens. This is a major contributor to why 8 hens are not sufficient. Chickens are flock animals and require being in a flock to maintain their health and well-being. Chicken owners have to rely on cycling in pullets (young hens) to compensate for older hens’ decrease in egg production.

To conclude, honeybees and chickens are an extremely important part to our success as an agricultural town and to our success as a human population. An attempt to govern honeybees which fly within a 5-mile radius is not attainable and is frankly detrimental in so many ways. Honeybees are such an important part of agriculture all around the world and there are simply not enough of them. We continue to develop land and they are losing their habitat. As long as beehives are registered and beekeepers are beekeeping responsibly, they pose no threat to anyone nor are they a nuisance. The town has processes in place to address nuisance complaints and those processes are sufficient. Backyard chicken keeping is growing in popularity exponentially. Backyard chickens provide an opportunity for families to be self-sustaining and to bring a little bit of agricultural lifestyle back into our homes. It provides a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to be educated in agriculture and that is so very important to the future of our town. We respectfully ask that you reconsider adding additional regulations on beekeeping and also ask that you consider allowing a maximum of 8 hens on ¼ acre and 16 hens on ½ acre.
Thank you for your time and understanding.

Best Regards,

Samantha and Hugh Antonio Petgrave

Sidewalks or pathways in front of new PV School.

Skip Bourke [skip.bourke@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 6:49 PM

To: PlanningZoningComments

Are there any plans for pathways or main walkways along Ellington Rd. or Long Hill Road or through the school property?

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