

**April 24, 2020**

**Jeffrey Hamm  
577 Barber Hill Road  
South Windsor, CT 06074**

**Ms. Michele Lipe, AICP  
Director of Planning  
Town Hall  
1540 Sullivan Avenue  
South Windsor, CT 06074**

**Re. Chestnut Ridge - 534 Barber Hill Road**

**Dear Ms. Lipe:**

**A concern I have relating to the addition of Chestnut Ridge's 19 new houses which require direct access to Barber Hill Road is the additional volume of foot and bicycle traffic on Barber Hill Road. In support of my concern, I took an actual count of pedestrians using the road. The count, a copy of which is attached, shows 21 walkers, 18 joggers, and 37 bike riders for a total of 76 pedestrians. This number does not take into**

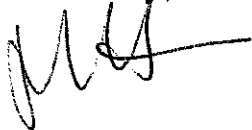
consideration regular cars, farm and commercial vehicles that use the road. For example, last Tuesday there was a constant stream of large transport tractors hauling liquid manure, coupled with farm tractors transporting 30+ foot sections of irrigation piping down the road.

This "traffic" was not discussed at the last meeting and I believe it should be a topic of discussion at the next meeting.

Enc,

Count of pedestrians

Sincerely, Jeff Hamm

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Cc:

Michael Maniscalco – Town Manager

Jeff Folger – Environmental Planner

Pamela A. Oliva – Zoning Enforcement Officer

577 Barber Hill Road

Sunday 04/19/2020

TIME	WALKER	JOGGER	BIKE	
8:30	2			
8:50	2			
9:15	2			
9:20		1		
9:25	2			
9:40		2		
10:00		1		
10:20		2		
11:00		3	1	
11:05		1		
11:10	2	1	3	
11:21			1	
11:22	1			
11:24			1	
11:30		1	3	
11:50			2	
11:52			1	
12:00			2	
12:10			1	
12:09			1	
12:11			1	
12:25		1		
12:45			2	
12:48			1	
1:10		2		
1:15	1		1	
1:16			1	
1:35		1	1	
1:45	1			
2:00	2			
2:05		1		
2:25	1			
2:30	2			
2:35			5	
2:55	1		2	
3:20	1		1	
3:22			1	
3:40			1	
3:50			1	
4:00			1	
4:40			1	
4:55	1		1	
5:00		1		
	21	18	37	76

June 18, 2020

✓ Michele Lipe, AICP  
Director of Planning  
Town Hall  
1540 Sullivan Avenue  
South Windsor, CT 06074  
Re. Chestnut Ridge



Dear Ms. Lipe:

**In anticipation of the public hearing scheduled for June 23, 2020. I submit the following. Unfortunately I will not be able to participate and consequently, I ask that my comments be read in my absence.**

As noted in prior correspondence to the town, I, along with my wife Judith, live at 577 Barber Hill Road which is directly across from an entrance / exit road from Barber Hill to the proposed Chestnut Ridge Open Space Subdivision.

Subdivision Plan dated 01/10/2020 details the fact that our house at 577 Barber Hill is the only house across the road from the development that contains a residence. The remaining on the west side is in active use as farmland.

Directly to the south and adjacent to our driveway is a right of way which must remain as access to an irrigation pond and a road which provides access to active farm land containing "pick your own" straw berries, pumpkins and strawberries. During active harvest, there is a steady traffic of private, farm and commercial vehicles.

The attached photograph, taken yesterday June 18,2020 at 10:00 am shows a typical backup of traffic on to the street. This is similar t the backup that occurs when other crops (trees, pumpkins, etc., are harvested.

As discussed in prior correspondence, the installation of exit and entry road into the development will result in a clear and present hazard which can easily be avoided by relocation the entrance / exit to the development.

The questions that I would appreciate an answer to are:

1. How many committee members and staff have inspected the site?
2. There is an existing entrance/ exit, just south of the proposed entrance / exit. Why was this entrance / exit not used?
3. There is a fire hydrant where the three roads meet. With the heavy snow load on Barber Hill and with three roads (farm, private farm road and Town road) adjacent to each other, I foresee a problem removing snow from the roads



and fire hydrant. Was the problem with snow removal taken into consideration when the road layout was developed?

I look forward to your and the committee's consideration and response.

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Best regards,

Jeff Hamm 260-644-2753

cc.

Michael Maniscalco – Town Manager

Jeff Folger – Environmental Planner











