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To: Waidelich, Michael
Subject: Mt. Olive property

Dear Mr. Waidelich,

I just received your email, forwarded by Alex Saloutos, about delaying discussion on the future of the Mt. Olive site until the Neighborhood Planning committee meets in September. I heartily concur, and just for the record I am sending you my views below.

Many thanks, Susan Werther

As a resident of the Sunset Hills/Reservoir Park neighborhood, I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed senior housing project for the old Mt. Olive Church site. I have attended many meetings, both this year (re: MSP), and last (re: Stone House), and after much consideration, feel that I must express my opposition to this latest proposal.

Although a small senior housing unit would be a welcome addition to the area, the density of this project is way out of proportion with the rest of the neighborhood. Further, permission to build would necessitate changes in the zoning code, which could set a precedent for similar sites in the area.

Perhaps most importantly, the people who live adjacent to the church are vehemently opposed to the project, as I would be in their place. I would not want a building of that size looming over my property, with all of the consequent noise from increased traffic, air conditioners, garbage collection, delivery vans and visitors. Considering the opposition from those directly effected, I don't think it would be wise, or fair to proceed. People originally moved to this neighborhood because they enjoy low-density housing, the abundance of parks and green spaces, the quiet, and a sense of community. I think these preferences should be respected and preserved.

Finally, the neighborhood planning group is hiring an adviser to explore this and other issues relevant to the area, and I think it would be premature for any decisions to be made about the MPS proposal before this process has been completed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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