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Subject: FW: ZBA question

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To: _ZBA <zba@wellesleyma.gov>; Mahoney, Lenore <lmahoney@wellesleyma.gov>
Subject: ZBA question

Dear Members of the Wellesley Zoning Board:

I recently moved to Edmunds Road from Back Bay and have spent the past year trying to orient myself in my new neighborhood. I am certainly not an expert on the Wellesley community, but the things that stand out most to me about Wellesley are the great divide between the north and south regions and that this is not a walking town (and I was pretty surprised by the relaxed historical preservation laws, but that's a completely different topic from what I would like to address today).

Coming from downtown, I miss being able to walk to the coffee shop or the grocery store...in my personal scenario, I would like to walk to Linden Square or to my friends' houses on the other side of route 9.

Getting to the point, I am writing this letter to express my concern about Jay Derenzo's new development on rte 9 in Wellesley. I work for a local architect and I am an architectural designer, so I am certainly not against new development at all, but I think building a taller structure on rte 9 in Wellesley will be the equivalent of building a wall and it will further divide north and south Wellesley. Instead of building this structure, we should use this space to build a foot bridge so kids can ride their bikes back and forth without worrying about getting hit by a car. If you build a beautiful foot bridge with a park, then I can guarantee the property value of these adjacent neighborhoods would increase and it would create a more unified community and neighborhood. I would happily donate my time in designing a bridge.

I would really like to sit and discuss this further with you so i can understand the thought process behind a decision like the approval of Derenzo's building. Can we set up a call or a meeting next week? Feel free to call or email me or I will follow up with you by phone during office hours next week.

Thank you in advance for your time and please review the attached imagery of footbridge styles that would serve this area well.

Kristin Connell





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