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To the Board of Appeals,

I understand that there will be affordable housing at Spot Pond at 5 Woodland Road in Stoneham. I am a frequent user of the Middlesex Fells and am eager to see the natural resources of the Fells preserved and enjoyed for years to come. For that to happen, I recommend the following:

- 1/ construct a publicly accessible trailhead to provide safe access and promote sustainable enjoyment of the Fells from the project site
- 2/ explore and act on ways to protect the forest, including creation of natural buffer areas, and use of natural infrastructure within the development
- 3/ use responsibly sourced native plants in landscaping, limit use of fertilizers and pesticides, and manage any invasive plants
- 4/ if modifications to Woodland Road are needed, focus mitigation measures on improving bicycle and pedestrian safety and access both to and from the site and to nearby Fells visitor access points.

The Fells is a haven for wildlife and humans. It is integral to a healthy environment to all. Please help preserve it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Strell  
Somerville, MA

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