

To: Zoning Board of Appeal, Town of Stoneham

RE: Traffic Study, the Commons at Weiss Farm

Date: July 14, 2014

The Comprehensive Permit has been issued on the Corcoran project at Weiss Farm. I chose to spend some time on 7/13, reading the Traffic Impact and Access Study, since I travel Franklin Street multiples times per day and, when I worked, travelled it during peak hours.

One only has to go to page 2 of the study (future conditions) to see a huge inaccuracy. The traffic consultants project DURING PEAK HOURS, 138 vehicle trips (29 entering and 109 exiting) during weekday AM peak hour and 190 vehicle trips (118 entering and 72 exiting) during weekday PM peak hour.

With 264 apartments being built, and each apartment averaging 1.5 autos, the flow of traffic during AM and PM peak hours is more likely to average well over 350 vehicles entering and exiting. One has only to see the queue of autos on Rustic Road and Perkins Street trying to enter Franklin St. during peak hours when school is in session to realize that the numbers generated are unrealistic.

The safety factor cannot be underestimated. No one can use a mathematical logarithm to determine how many commuters or pedestrians will be involved in accidents once the additional autos are trying to navigate Franklin St. With so many schools that are accessed by travelling on Franklin St., safety should be a priority.

It's vitally important that the Town conduct their own traffic study in order to provide it with a more realistic picture. At this point, Stoneham cannot depend on information coming from Corcoran Co. Each and

every part of the Comprehensive Permit should be dissected and corroborated by experts hired by the Town.

Respectfully,

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cc: Board of Selectmen

School Committee

Planning Board