

44 Bow Lake Road
Northwood, NH 03261
January 22, 2020

Northwood Planning Board
Robert Strobel, Chairman
818 First NH Turnpike
Northwood, NH 03261

Dear Chairman Strobel and Board Members:

I am writing to comment on and correct a few of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan at the December 19 meeting.

First and foremost, please be assured that all members of our family are in agreement and we are united in our stand against a coffee shop being located at the 8 Bow Lake Road address.

Mr. Sullivan alluded to the fact that because our sons have not attended the meetings that they both are "ok" with the proposed plan. This is absolutely not true and there is a very good reason why they haven't attended the meetings. They both work Thursday nights. Our names are on the property deeds and we represent our entire family along with our legal representation. It is ridiculous to think that the people who would be negatively affected the most would be in favor of this plan.

Mr. Sullivan has also mentioned a number of times the fact that our son who resides at 5 Bow Lake Road has sold a few cars in his yard over the span of the eighteen years that he has lived there. These were private sales done one at a time and perhaps a half dozen in total. Certainly not what you would consider a used car lot and not making this commercial property.

I also would like to elaborate on the history lesson that Mr. McCaffrey gave all of us. The owner of the former Harvey Lake Motel, Charles Roberts, was attending a meeting at the town hall and ironically, the topic of the meeting was discussion of a Rt. 4 bypass. While walking home from the meeting, Mr. Roberts was hit by a vehicle and later died of the injuries he sustained. The owner of this property (which is now residential) is Mr. Roberts' granddaughter

As we all are well aware, the volume of traffic has only increased since Mr. Roberts' tragic accident. Early this past December another fatality occurred on Rt. 4. The WMUR reporter at the scene, Jennifer Crompton, commented that Rt. 4 is the second busiest east/west highway in the state.

It is difficult for us to understand why the Town of Northwood would even entertain the thought of encouraging more of this high volume traffic onto a town road with an intersection that already presents a hazard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Severance".

Marcia Severance
For the Severance Family

CC: Linda Smith, Board Administrator
James Burdin, Town Planner