

From: [Planning - Info - Shr](#)
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Subject: FW: Public Comment for BOA 4/22
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 11:47:32 AM

From: Richard Palermo <rjpalermo55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Planning - Info - Shr <Planning@portsmouthnh.gov>
Subject: Letter of objection to 86 Farm Lane

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To: The Chair of the Board, Planning Department
From: Richard Palermo and Pilar Pardo, 55 Meadow Road (homeowners since 1998)
Date: April 20, 2025

We are writing to express our objection to the request of Jeannette MacDonald for property located at 86 Farm Lane. It is my belief that this request is contrary to the public interest and therefore should be denied for the following reasons:

Section 10.243.24 of the Zone ordinance states the proposed structures, uses, or activities will not have significant adverse impacts on abutting and surrounding properties on account of traffic, noise, odors, vibrations, dust, fumes, hours of operation, and exterior lighting and glare.

- Approval of this request would result in a significant increase in noise due to the removal of the natural sound barrier provided by existing trees, bushes and shrubs. There are four lanes of traffic from Rt 16 and six lanes of traffic from Rt 95 that generate significant road noise. The city is currently working to mitigate road noise from Rt 95. It is contrary to that interest to remove an existing natural sound barrier that will cause noise to increase in this same area.

Section 10.243.25 of the Zone Ordinance states the proposed structures and uses will not have significant adverse impacts on natural or scenic resources surrounding the site, including wetlands, floodplains, and significant wildlife habitat.

- Lot 236-74 and the adjacent property 236-73 are home to a diverse wildlife population including but not limited to deer, rabbit, coyote, fisher cat and bobcat as well as many bird species such as red-tailed hawk, turkey and an occasional duck. Reducing this natural landscape will have an adverse effect on this population by reducing or eliminating this habitat. It is further likely to increase an already large rodent population by removing natural predators from the area.

Section 10.243.26 of the Zone ordinance states the proposed use will not cause or contribute to a significant decline in property values of adjacent properties.

- Approval of this request would have multiple negative effects that ultimately would lead to the decline in property value of many lots on Meadow Road in the range of 236-66 through 236-79.
 - Approval of this request would take a single conforming lot (236-74) and turn it into three non-conforming lots (236-74, 236-74-1, 236-74-2).
 - In so doing, it would set a negative precedent that would allow additional non-forming lots to be created in the area, specifically lot 236-73.
 - Likely, the planning board would receive a variance request to alter lot 236-73 from one conforming lot to four non-conforming lots similar to lots 236-69 to 236-72. Lot 236-73 is inaccessible as there is no road to access this property. Approval of the current request would create an access road and set precedent for further development.
 - If this request were to be approved, there is a strong probability that two currently conforming properties (lots 236-74 and 236-73) would be turned into seven non-conforming properties (3 from 236-74; 4 from 236-73).
 - The addition of two new houses, along with the likelihood of four more houses through future action facilitated by this approval, creating a total of six new houses, would lower property values of homeowners on Meadow Road. Currently, these homeowners have houses on three sides (front, left, right) but do not have houses in the rear. Instead, they enjoy a natural landscape of trees, grass and shrubs. Replacing this rear view with another house, creating homes on all sides (front, left, right, rear) would directly lower property values.

On a more personal note, we have included some pictures of the view of our backyard. The picture below was taken Monday morning, April 21 while writing this letter.



The following pictures were taken during the morning, afternoon and evening of the previous 24 hours. This shows both that there is a large population of deer and that this is their habitat. They aren't visiting this area – they den here. Clearing a large section of what is now natural habitat and sanctuary will adversely affect these animals. Additionally, this shows the beautiful scenery that neighbors on Meadow Road enjoy in their backyards. Allowing the destruction of this habitat would not benefit the neighborhood.









In conclusion, we urge you to consider our concerns along with those of our neighbors when making your decision. Approving these exceptions would not benefit the neighborhood and would not serve the public interest. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: [Jen L. Crockett](#)
To: [Jen L. Crockett](#)
Subject: RE: Site Plans
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 8:58:13 AM

From: Matt S Turner <mattsturner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:17 AM
To: Jillian Harris <jharris@portsmouthnh.gov>; Stefanie L. Casella <SLCasella@portsmouthnh.gov>
Subject: Re: Site Plans

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Hi again,

After doing some math and trying to relate that to the property - I can't support this request. I sent the following note in through the website contact us page as I don't know how else to convey my message as I can't be there on Tuesday. I would still love to see the plans just in case I am totally missing it. Either way, thanks again.

Thanks you for your time. I only received notice of my neighbors request last week and will not have the ability to be there so quickly on Tuesday. Regardless, I am not supportive of this at all. I could maybe understand a variance of 80 or 75% of 15k, but the request is 52%. At that size, including another driveway (which I don't understand as they already have big one and garage), that means this building will be right up on our house. No - I do not in anyway support this today. That is way too much of a variance, I don't know of any hardship whatsoever possible here, and even if then the second driveway, with its own variance ask, is unnecessary. I will send a copy of this to the two Planner email addresses I have as well but would like a receipt of some kind if possible. Thanks again, Matthew Turner. 3 Marjorie Street, Portsmouth

From: [Goumas, Kristina](#)
To: [Planning - Info - Shr](#)
Subject: Abutter Notice for Adam and Reagan Ruedig 70 Highland Street
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:14:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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Dear Planning Department,

We received the abutter notice for Adam and Reagan Ruedig. We reviewed the plans Adam and Reagan have and see no issues with this and are in full support of the project. We recommend moving forward.

Thank you,
Kristina Goumas & Ron Baisden
315 Union Street, Portsmouth, NH

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