

1. Pond on property is listed as a POTENTIAL Vernal Pool on MassGIS. Can we have this tested to see if it is a vernal pool, before possibly destroying it.
2. On the Development Impact Statements, on the second paragraph, it mentions creating "...a roadway in which the Town would be asked to accept and maintain in perpetuity.". In discussion with a member of the Planning Board, they mentioned that this would create "a private driveway" and that is essentially how they are treating the "roadway accessing the multi-family units". If this is going to be a Private Driveway, why are they asking the town to maintain it?
3. It is also stated on the Development Impact Statement, under Wetland Impacts, it mentions that the "infiltration of runoff from impervious surfaces will easily exceed the DEP Stormwater Management Standard of infiltrating runoff from 65% of impervious Surfaces." Currently, as it stands now, it can handle 100% of runoff. Why are we allowing such a drastic reduction?
4. If all the trees are cut down on this parcel of land, our entire neighborhood has no buffer between the train horn and our homes. As of now, the train runs between 1 and 4 times in a 24-hour period. There are several street crossings where the horn is blown, and this neighborhood can hear both. What can be done about this?
5. Under the Development Impacts Statement, on page 3, it states "The study also finds that sight distance at the proposed intersection is good..." I am not sure if this is regarding the proposed intersection at Rice Rd and the new "private driveway". I would like to mention both intersections at either end of Rice Rd. The intersection on Rt 122A is deplorable and needs to be addressed ASAP before we add 100 cars to it. The line of sight is extremely small, and the grade of the hill makes it very hard to have a quick reaction if needed. The other end of Rice Rd (intersection at S Main) is also very small and may need to be widened.
6. I believe the reason the developer wants the "private driveway" to intersect on Rice Rd (a small neighborhood rural road) and not the most obvious road (Rt 122A) due to Rice Rd being the easiest decision. It makes more sense for the intersection to be on Rt 122A, but that would require a lot more paperwork and permits, and money.. among other things. Just because you can, does not mean you should. Please consider the moving the intersection, to an already busy road, that would not see as many negative impacts.
7. Rice Rd does not currently have any sidewalks, and it is considered a "Cut through" from Rt 122A to S. Main St. Vehicles pass through at high rates of speed and makes it dangerous for pedestrians to enjoy walks around our (currently) quiet neighborhood. If we add 100 or so cars to this, it will become more dangerous.
8. I would hope that if/when the developer is able to replace the landscaping, the proposed landscaping would include native species, replacing the wooded area we currently are able to admire.