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Town of Raymond  
Zoning board  
Request for formal administrative review of the Starrett property decision.

Greetings,

It is our contention the ZBA has rushed to approve the Starrett property zoning deviation. While there seems to be no one willing to explain why the ZBA is unwilling to enforce more than 10 items required to meet the current municipal zoning ordinance for the Starrett's. None of which were met for a deviation from the code, and yet the ZBA approved this request allowing it to go to the planning board pending remedial action by the Starretts. We believe input was not available from the abbutters and individuals that are within visual and hearing range. Even though an abbutters walk through notice for 9 Dec 20 was issued, because of my poor mobility I could not attend. The day of the ZBA issued the approval I myself was in the E.R. at Maine Medical Center with a complaint of chest pain. Mr Nickolas Durost also an abbutter is as a member of the Maine National Guard and is currently working through the Guard on the Covid Pandemic issues here in Maine and was unavailable because of his Guard commitment. I also understand( Mary Q. may be able to verify) several others have called the office to voice their objections to the proposed Starrett variance request. None of us are able to conduct our lives in a "normal" fashion now. Covid has affected everyone. Mr Cirreli having mentioned the Covid Pandemic as a reason to table the ruling was best; offering all parties time to better prepare and allow for a more robust presentation/discussion. We agree. You have not heard from others who have begun to engage in this conversation. This I believe will allow the presentation of facts not currently in the possession of the ZBA. This should further aid the planning board and in the end save a lot of heartache and expense. The Starrett issue has been under review for some time allowing all parties to speak is good government.

There are small but very real wetlands behind the Starrett property. The environmental impact downstream in the Panther Pond and Sebago Lake watersheds should be considered. This drainage could impact both the Levitre property and the Durost property both of which are downstream. There are small but very real wetlands behind the Starrett property. We cherish these areas and they are untouched and off limits to all. Additionally Sloan Cove Road has flooded and suffered severe erosion after areas above the road were timbered. With over 20000 sq/ft of bare soil what can those wetlands and watersheds expect from the changes the Starretts have already done.

This spring could prove interesting, particularly if wetlands are damaged. It would seem the ZBA and/or the planning board should quickly move to resolve any environmental issues now and not wait to spring.

Because of the preceding issues and those mentioned in previous correspondence and the additional feedback that was lost due to haste we are requesting an administrative review and appeal of the Starrett decision by the Town of Raymond ZBA.

Kind Regards,

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