

re: Public Hearing for a Commercial welding business

As an abutting landowner I am opposed to granting this zoning change request.

The original purpose for this development specifies storage & office use. The owners planned for dozens of such facilities under their proposal. At the time, they did not include a request for any sort of commercial use of their structures, recognizing that such requests (like that of Mr. Knaak) would need to be decided by the town's Planning Board.

Permitting this zoning change to include "light manufacturing" of a commercial welding business strikes me as a kind of "bait-and-switch" scenario on the part of the Planning Board. If approved, the Board is creating a precedent for dozens of future small businesses to come before the Board with similar commercial/retail requests for exceptions to its original zoning decision for this property's development.

As an abutting landowner, I ask that you deny this request – not because it's being made by Mr. Knaak, and not because it involves his welding business, but because you will be going against what your original decision was about this property development was, and what we , as abutters, understood in the first place.

Respectfully,

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