

216 Canaan Back Road  
Barrington, NH 03825  
January 16, 2024

Barrington, N.H. Planning Board  
4 Signature Drive  
Box 660  
Barrington, NH 03825

To the members of the Barrington, N.H. Planning Board,

Having been unable to speak at the Planning Board meeting of January 9, 2024 due to the early termination of that meeting due to the evening's weather I am hopeful that today's weather will not prevent me from making a several minute statement regarding the proposed Coot Farm subdivision.

Keeping today's weather forecast in mind, I am enclosing herewith a printed copy of my statement to the Planning Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Betjemann MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Christopher Betjemann MD

**GOOD EVENING ALL,**

**My name is Christopher Betjemann and I am a retired medical doctor with board certification to practice Emergency Medicine. In 1999 I retired from the practice of Emergency Medicine to 216 Canaan Back Road in Barrington. If I learned anything during my twenty seven years in the Emergency Department, it was that minutes matter when human welfare is on the line. Regarding the proposal to subdivide the Coot Farm and erect one hundred and seventy four residences there, I doubt one could have placed the residents of the proposed Coot Farm subdivision further from the building where the Barrington ambulances are garaged or further from the Emergency Departments of the Wentworth Douglass Hospital and the Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Make no mistake about it, the remote location of the proposed one hundred and seventy four residences will put the welfare and lives of those living there at risk. Some of those living in the proposed subdivision may be gravely harmed by the remote location of the subdivision and some may die. Mutual aid agreements between Barrington and Strafford as well as between Barrington and Northwood may change ambulance transit times marginally and spread the town costs of ambulance service to the Coot Farm subdivision among the three towns.**

**There is one additional brief comment I'd like to make un related to my previous comments relative to the proposed Coot Farm subdivision: in the Spring of 2023 we broke two suspension springs in our 2017 Volkswagen on Canaan Back Road and subsequently exchanged the Volkswagen for a 2022 Subaru with greater ground clearance and all-wheel drive hoping to better manage Canaan Back Road this Winter and next Spring. Without much machine work and significant upgrades Canaan Back Road is incapable of carrying the increase in traffic that would inevitably result from the**

**proposed Coot Farm subdivision**

**Thank you.**