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Subject: Re: Request for a meeting

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Thank you for posting my previous comments to tonight's meeting. If it is possible, could you please add this letter as well:

Dear First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice:

Before I say anything, "I think it is important for the PUBLIC to HEAR and be HEARD."

My name is Pamela Aris, and I opposed MR154. I think it is egregious to put in a sewer line extension, without knowing what it will be connected to – what is the scope of the NEW development at 19 Cannon Road. Until we know what service is needed to be connected to the sewer line extension, the extension should be denied. The extension and what it is hooked to, what it will service -- go HAND-IN-HAND. Why? Because important questions need to be asked such as what is the STORM WATER DESIGN?

Understanding what the sewer line extension is connected to is a fair question, it is important to be transparent. For example, what percentage of hard surface will cover this property – these questions need to be asked and answered to understand how the drainage, run off, & erosion will disturb this unique environment with wetlands in the SE corner, flood zones and a stream channel encroachment line running through the property – and an adjoining aquifer.

I have provided a letter in more detail to Planning & Zoning, but would like to summarize why as business owners who have served the Wilton community for 28 years, and hope to continue for another 28 years – why we oppose MR#154.

Dearest to our hearts -- is preserving one of Wilton's few remaining historic neighborhoods –

The Cannondale National Register Historic District. We feel fortunate to have preserved an 1835 Greek Revival.

We also recently purchased an adjoining property, 15 Cannon Road, to protect our business from the negative impact of large scale construction and the massive traffic influx that will follow, presenting a safety issue in a residential zone.

In an effort to recently rent the one pre-existing home at 15 Cannon Road, next door to the proposed development at 19 Cannon Road(the Ambler House), we lost potential tenants due to the rigorous demands of meeting traffic flow studies and restrictions of the wetlands. The guidelines should be rigorous, and we hope that those same rigorous standards that were applied to a pre-existing building, are also applied to any development in question. (Please oppose MR154)

If for example, the proposed project is still coming in at 87, 938 square feet with an additional 92 parking spaces—

A project of that scope goes way beyond the intent of the current R-2A zoning.

Please carefully consider the irreversible impact of the sewer line extension on

the Cannondale National Register Historic District we lovingly call Cannondale – after Doc John

Cannon – who built the first General Store in Wilton in the late 1780s, and oppose MR#154.

Thank you,
Pamela Aris