

## Donna Rich

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 07, 2018 7:06 AM  
**To:** Planning Department  
**Subject:** Letter of Comment - "Perkins Landing"

Dear Ms. Rich and Planning Board,  
I would like to submit this Letter of Comment in regard to the proposed development (40B Notice: 57 Perkins Row, "Perkins Landing").

Given the road and overall topology of the area, I am opposed to such development at this site.

There are few roads in Topsfield which are as heavily populated, narrow and winding, indicating that a significant addition of housing with resident automobiles will adversely impact traffic and safety. Given that this road also includes an elementary school, loading significantly more residential traffic onto Perkins Row would be unwise.

Between the presence of very sensitive and popular wetlands and an endangered river system, as well as the likely impact upon the area water table (from the additional water draw as well as the assumed very large septic system array needed to service such a development in a marshy area), the proposed development would be very detrimental to the local environment as well as critical water supplies.

In sum, it would be difficult to find a less suitable site for such development in Topsfield. Affordable housing is important, but so is sustainable and safe development that respects the health and well-being of existing residents.

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