

February 21, 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals

Town Hall

Topsfield, MA 01983

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to you in support of the Senior Citizen Affordable Housing Project proposed for the plot of land commonly known as the Emerson Fields. It is my feeling that there is inadequate affordable housing for seniors wishing to relocate from their current homes and yet remain in the community. All of the available high quality new housing in this town is priced at levels which almost always exceed the value of a senior citizen's current property thus requiring new mortgages and ensuring that the real estate taxes will be even higher. This project will allow for an equal and probably lower financial burden on such citizens.

I further believe that the completed project will enhance our downtown area with attractive building units and make the downtown businesses even more viable. The occupants of these units will not put pressure on the school system but the properties will increase the tax base thus decreasing the tax rate.

I am aware of the work of the involved parties in planning this project and feel that the concerns of those affected by the project have been thoroughly considered and properly addressed. If anything, the Congregational Church of Topsfield and its leaders should be commended for seeing to it that the fields are put to needed and appropriate use.

I therefore highly recommend that the Zoning Board of Appeals vote it favor of this project.

Sincerely,

John Szymanski

40 Garden St

Topsfield, MA 01983

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Szymanski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Szymanski".