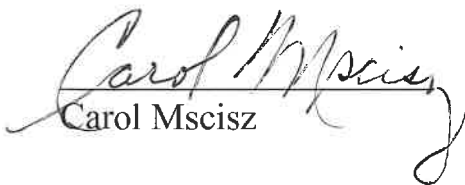


26 High Street  
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To whom it may concern,

The community and future generations would be better served if the town would purchase the land and keep it as an open space and a park for the children of Topsfield as it has been for the 52 years that we have lived in Topsfield. Purchasing the land from the church would address a few issues. First, it would preserve the historic, small town feel of downtown Topsfield that has attracted families to the town for generations. Second, it would help the church solve their financial problems. If there is a need for a 40B project there is sufficient land in the perimeter of the town that would be more conducive to a housing project and would still preserve our historic town. Additionally, the impact on real estate taxes to current Topsfield residents would be minimal with either purchasing the property from the church or proceeding with the 40B development. So, if there are no negatives, why wouldn't this option be explored? This would be a win-win alternative. We have such a picturesque town center, why destroy it? Let us keep our beautiful center as it has been for hundreds of years for future generations and put housing on the outer perimeter of the town.

  
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