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Dear Erik

I want to go on record asking you and the Select Board to please not weaken the Form Based code as reported in the recent Observer article.

I am fine with lowering the height of buildings but I hate to see all the time and energy and good ideas thrown out because a few developers ask for changes. Many of us, myself included put in hours listening to the consultant, participating in the virtual workshops and filling out long questionnaires and dreaming of a much more attractive Williston going forward. I like Form Based Code as presented by our Planning Commission. Why ask for our input and then ignore citizens and our own Planning Commission?

People are pretty disgusted with the tight spacing and too much pavement, no green space, currently in the Taft Corners area.

It is tragic way that without Form Based Code the Town green that developers showed for the area behind the LL Bean store basically disappeared as roads, parking and housing took precedence over attractive and needed green space. Now that whole area will be mainly roads, parking lots and buildings and have only a postage stamp of green space by the restaurant that they get to put outside seating on. That is not a park like green space like the Form Based Code would have required. It is too late for that area, please don't make it too late for the areas that remain to be developed.

Please keep Form Based Code for the entire area of the undeveloped parts near Hannafords and beyond. Why hand one developer parking lots in front when the vision for parking lots behind stores and living areas with sidewalks, walkable streets and bike lanes and streets that are on a grid that slows traffic is so much more attractive and livable? People quickly figure out where to park. I am sure there will be signs.

Also, why are we allowing Synder Brothers to ignore all Form Based Code? Yes some of the project on the Alliance Church land snuck in before we enacted it, but why then just hand them the final 25%? Why not hold them to the new Code so that when they inevitably come back for changes—they change in the right way to be more livable. Snyder has been very resistant to greener forms of heating in these homes. Let's build with livable spaces and climate in mind not just his profits.

Please pass the Form Based Code as originally presented by the Planning Commissions in terms of parking behind, streets that are walkable, bikable and with green space incorporated in thoughtful ways. Please stop just giving the town away to developers who have no concept of livable, attractive spaces. Please take citizen and Planning Commission input seriously.

Sincerely,

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