

TO: Mitch Cypes and the DRB

From: Barbara Forauer

DATE: December 20, 2022

RE: Hinesburg Center , phase 2

I write with concerns about the final approval for this development.

We all recognize the importance and benefits to maintaining a working floodplain. I recall the "pond" created several years ago in the space adjacent to Creekside and across from Dee PT. Because the floodplain was allowed to work, the water disappeared, even though the town had incorrectly built a dam across the land with the sewer/waterlines to Ballard Corner.

A complete development plan as I understand it needs to designate use for land in the application before final approval. Mitch keeps asking for this information as it pertains to the floodplain area, but nothing has been forthcoming. How can we make an informed decision without complete information?

As a town we need to protect this floodplain. The best way to know this is done is to require the developer to provide a hydraulic model to prove there will be no undue impact on the floodplain. As a town taxpayer, I need assurance that in future storms, we as a town will NOT be paying for damage to homes or businesses built in this area. And assurance that the waters that meander through this land will be allowed to do so without human interruption. A big mistake was made with the building of the dam across this property. We need to be attentive to all that is proposed and if it means taking time to do so, then so be it.

As I read the latest report from Kyle Medash ,dated 11/15/22, he holds firm on his expert opinion that there WILL BE undue impact on the meandering waters and the floodplain.

I urge the DRB to request this study be provided before final approval can be granted.

Thank you.