

Dear Hinesburg DRB,

We are residents of 340 Beaver Pond Rd and are writing in opposition to the conditional use commercial cordwood operation proposed by Allen & Andrea Lavalette. A commercial cordwood operation would adversely affect our lives at home, the character of our neighborhood, and the condition of both the public road (Texas Hill) and Beaver Pond Rd.

Beaver Pond Rd (BPR) is a dead end private residential dirt road off of Texas Hill Road. It was designed for light residential traffic. The current Lavalette firewood BPR usage creates potholes from spinning truck tires, mud tracked from truck and tractor tires, and firewood debris along the road. Commercial usage (dump trucks, log trucks, etc) of this road would worsen this situation and exceed BPR's capability and design. Furthermore, each property owner is required, per their deed, to share in the cost of road maintenance. Since moving to BPR, the Lavalettes are the only property to have refused to contribute to this upkeep.

In addition to BPR, Texas Hill would also see more commercial truck traffic as a result of this conditional use permit. As you may know, Texas Hill is heavily traveled and is an expensive dirt road to maintain. Increased dust and increased wear and tear is not only something BPR residents will be affected by but also Texas Hill Road residents.

BPR residents are a mix of retired folks as well as families with young children. Several of us walk along the road whether with children or dogs. We feel that commercial truck traffic on our road would create an unnecessary safety risk to the families with children and any pedestrian. A commercial cordwood operation would not fit the character of our neighborhood.

In addition to safety, there is also the appearance of BPR that defines its character. The proposed commercial cordwood location would be clearly seen by anyone traveling BPR. At the time of this letter, there is considerable firewood debris from the current approved residential firewood operation. Allowing commercial usage would only increase the amount of debris and decrease the character of our neighborhood.

Lastly, at our residence, we can hear the Lavalettes use of their wood processor, truck, and tractor. Thankfully it's infrequent. However, with the proposed commercial use it would have a significant impact on our quality of life.

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