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Richard Canale, Chair
Planning Board
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Dear Mr. Canale,

The Board of Selectmen wishes to express its support for Article 38, the proposed CSX District zoning bylaw amendment for a portion Marrett Road near Spring Street that is now zoned CS -Commercial Services. We recognize it is still an evolving article and encourage the proponent to continue to work with the neighborhood to improve the article and incorporate neighborhood feedback before it is presented to Town Meeting.

The current version of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment has been reduced in scope as a result of dialogue within the community that the rezoning petitioner initiated. While some exciting parts of the original proposal have been removed, the Board of Selectmen believes the proposal now better reflects a balance between the short-term needs of the commercial property owners and those of the residential abutters. We hope that this Article will initiate a broader conversation about the role small commercial areas like the Marrett and Spring CS district can play in the Town.

Specifically, the Board believes that this Article has the potential to:

- Improve the Town's tax revenues by creating more business opportunities in the area;
- Create an opportunity to increase amenities benefitting nearby residents; and
- Start a conversation about small, neighborhood-scale economic development.

The current draft Motion affects only uses and does not alter the dimensional requirements in any way. That is, these changes will not create any redevelopment opportunities that do not already exist but will allow more varieties of business to occupy the existing buildings.

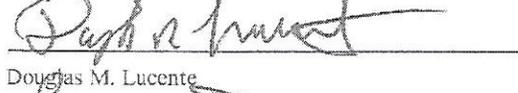
We hope that the Planning Board joins us in support of this modest proposal.

Sincerely,


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