
7th Street Housing Site

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Good evening Village Council,

I am writing to cast my vote and urge the Council to move forward with site proposal 3.1 for the 7th Street attainable housing project. After reviewing the conceptual site plans and the recent wave of opposition correspondence, it has become painfully clear that the Council is being subjected to a coordinated campaign of "neighborhood entitlement" that does not represent the broader interests of Northport. I'd like to point out that the majority of Northport is in favor of housing at 7th street. Otherwise, they would be sending emails and protesting too. When Northport stood up for Buster Dame, it was truly a community effort. Over 100 residents/businesses from every corner of this town were flying signs and attending meetings because a

beloved, central community asset was at stake. That was a grassroots movement. What we see at 7th Street is not a movement; it is a cluster. The "outrage" is geographically locked to a handful of households on North Shore Drive. Every alarmist email in your inbox comes from the same few driveways.

Among the options, in my opinion, 3.1 represents the best and most responsible use of this property. It provides five attractive low density homes/lots that could fit seamlessly into the vibe and character of the neighborhood. It respects the massive compromise already made by the Council to preserve **4.7**

acres (nearly 80% of the lot) as a permanent park.

The opposition's claims that five homes will create a "traffic crisis" or "environmental disaster" on the remaining 1.2 acres are absurd. These are not civic concerns, they are stalling tactics designed to drain the Council's resolve. Don't give in.

The Council must recognize that the "pro-housing" majority is not in your inbox because they are busy keeping this village alive. Should you waver and call on the people, they will come. They are the young families, the school staff, the medical workers, and the local workers who don't have the luxury of time to draft ten page grievances. They are working the jobs that these 800–1,100 square foot homes will be meant

to support. If the Council allows a handful of residents on North Shore Drive to dictate the housing policy for the entire village, you are effectively declaring that Northport is no longer a living community, but a stagnant museum. We cannot let a "North Shore No" derail the future of our school and our economy. The compromise has been made. The park has been saved. Now, it is time to build for the people who actually make Northport work.

I'm quite confident there will be some positive reinforcement attending the housing summit at the school, ready to engage and cast a vote on a site proposal. Thank you for all of your continued hard work, and I appreciate your resolve to keep working towards the goal despite a very loud few voices.

Sincerely,

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