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Chad –

Enclosed, please find two articles and five letters to the editor on the topics of open space, NAID and development in Newburyport. It is my hope that you have an interest in the community perspective.

The citizens of Newburyport have expressed loudly, openly, and in many forums over many years that we desire to leave our open space – especially the parcel you are working on - free from development.

It is my public position that NAID continues to promote development based on an outdated model. The lack of acknowledgement and disregard for the community's wish is summarily demonstrative that they are out of touch. For me, NAID's insistence on continuing in this staid and narrow-minded manner is a gesture akin to giving the community the proverbial three-finger salute.

I have publicly stated that I represent a constituency that is opposed to seeing any development on your parcel. My effort in writing to you reaffirms this position.

Perhaps we can redirect our energies and find a solution to what may become a quagmire for you. As you should know, the SLUC's stated desire is to use TDR's to keep open the Great Pasture in exchange for development of the Route 1 Traffic Circle area. A grant-funded effort is underway to make this happen. Your industry knowledge and background, as well as your interest in the Hale Street property would make an excellent contribution to this effort while affording you the position of being an initial, ground floor participant.

If you are interested in my assistance in becoming involved in this TDR effort, please let me know. I will help you make the necessary contacts and sponsor your involvement.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards,

Bruce L. Vogel
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