
POCD Draft/Pope Land/Dresser Woods

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To Land Use <landuse@salisburyct.us>

Dear Planning and Zoning,

I am very concerned about the proposed plans near the Rail Trail/Bike Trail/Labonne's.

I understand this will be discussed at a September 30th meeting and I am weighing in with my opinion before that meeting.

1. I do not think (and I said this in the meeting for Dresser Woods where the plans were revealed for the housing there. I was told that question would be addressed by the housing commissions, it was not) that the traffic and congestion that will occur in that area of town has not been well thought out or calculated. As well it will affect traffic coming out of Academy and Library Streets as well as Salmon-Kill Road.

It sounds like a traffic mess in the making.

2. The Rail Trail is a treasure for the town of Salisbury. Any building, such as 62 units of housing which seems to involve at least 62 cars, probably double that since many families have two cars, will spoil the Rail Trail, even if paving doesn't occur on the trail. It sounds like the plan does have some paving involved. I am concerned over the new bridge that might be put in. In my opinion, Dresser Woods is already set to ruin that part of the trail.

3. It seems like those in charge of Salisbury are bent on losing the rural character of Salisbury which draws people here to live.

4. It is not in Salisbury's character to have multi-unit housing such as is proposed here at the Pope Land and has been built at Sarum Village. It is a new trend and does not blend with the character of Salisbury.

4. I am very distressed at what is happening in Salisbury and fear for its future. Already, the open space at Grove St is under threat. This is one of the only open spaces right in the center of town and should never have been considered for development of any kind.

5. Everyone says "The Rail Trail won't be paved." But even building near it will spoil its character and the peace of walking on it. Please don't tell me or anyone else the trail won't be ruined. It will be even if it is not paved.

Thanks,

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