

June 30, 2021

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Re: Town of Charlestown Comprehensive Town Plan Update ID#: CHA-CP-21

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you with serious concerns with respect to the newly submitted Town of Charlestown's Comprehensive Town Plan. It is my understanding that this plan should incorporate the needs of the entire town and this plan clearly does not do this. I will briefly illustrate this matter.

First, the town hosted online meetings for people to voice their support and concerns. Numerous concerns were voiced in all areas of the plan. One moment that stood out was when Diane Keith, Program Manager of the Northeast Region of Federal Lands and Parks asked to have more time to review it, and she was denied. Did anyone listen?

Secondly, the town is conducting a town wide survey which will be mailed to every resident and taxpayer in Charlestown. This survey is an attempt to discover the needs/wishes of all the town's people. Multiple residents begged the Town Council to wait for approval of this Comprehensive plan until the results were collected to better understand the residents needs/wishes. This was denied too. The responses to this survey would have been helpful to define and drive the proposed Town Comprehensive Plan.

Finally, the Town Comprehensive Plan was overdue by 7+ years. There was no immediate danger or need to expedite the passage of this plan. The town planning commission had been working on this plan for years without a rush – why now?

The results of the town wide survey which will reflect the opinions of all the residents and taxpayers should be considered. Please consider not approving the Town of Charlestown proposed Comprehensive Plan and sending it back for revisions.

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