

July 2, 2021

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

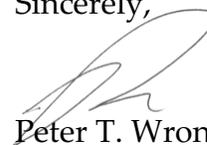
Dear Mr. Nelson,

I am writing to express my concern with the Charlestown Comprehensive Plan recently submitted for state approval by your department. The currently drafted plan is the work of a small number of citizens who are not interested in the required public input and comments. In public meetings it was requested to provide a red-lined version of the old plan so that a comparison could be made of this 368-page plan. Without this, the average resident could not adequately understand what has changed and what was retained from the town they choose for their home. It was explained that a red-lined version would not be possible since so much had changed and the request was denied.

In the public meetings that I was able to attend virtually, concerns with the plan were routinely brushed aside and the time and effort already expended in writing this plan were used to diminish these concerns. I have no doubt that considerable time and effort have been put into this document, but again, it was a small group of people and it took them several years to complete this task. Had this task been a coordinated effort of a diverse cross-section of Charlestown residents, it would not have taken so long and would be more representative.

I urge you to send this document back until the residents concerns about this document as well as their desires for their town are understood and incorporated. The town is currently undertaking a resident survey to assess the needs and wants of the townspeople. The results of this survey rightfully should be matched to this document *prior* to adoption to ensure the will of the people is not subverted.

Sincerely,



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