
Planning and Zoning meeting of Dec. 27th

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To the Planning and Zoning Commission,

Scheduling an important affordable housing discussion and possible vote for a date when many, if not most, Ridgefield residents are either away or busy with family and holiday events, does not inspire confidence in the P&Z commission. In fact, it creates suspicion and mistrust.

The proposed plan would be devastating to Ridgefield. It obliterates our residential zoning by allowing low-cost housing in any residential area. It will therefore devalue homeowners' property values which, for most homeowners, represents their most significant asset (and basis for their future retirement?) It ignores the historical character of Ridgefield. The plan is not based on any rational or current necessity as our poverty rate is approximately 2%. It ignores the plethora of existing multifamily units in a variety of price categories, which rise and fall with variable market conditions. It ignores the impact of additional traffic clogging our narrow, often winding, roads and small downtown area. It ignores the lack of sewer facilities in every area except the downtown. What a disaster!

The tremendous impact of this unconscionable plan on our small semi-rural town deserves a vote by referendum of all Ridgefield residents.

You should postpone discussion to mid-January and schedule a referendum on any plan until the Spring.

Sincerely,
Linda Lavelle
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