

Appendix D – Comments (Public)

Jim Powley – email May 14, 2016

Dear Ms. Musson:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet you and hear about the subdivision proposal for Trinity United Church.

Please permit me to make a few observations concerning this proposal.

First of all I think you are developing the wrong land for this concept. The “wasteland” which constitutes the north west corner of the property, facing McCraney, appears a much better location for development. This rather unsightly forest has been ill-kept over the years; currently fallen branches and dead leaves cover the ground. There is virtually no public walkway through this forest which is comprised mostly of thick underbrush. True, there are a few mature trees located here, but they cannot be appreciated because of the poor upkeep of this area.

On the other hand the current plan calls for developing a highly visible, well manicured lawn and community-friendly, treed knoll with a number of healthy pine, cedar and spruce trees which are now slated for destruction, thanks to the rules that permit buttressing a new house as close as possible to the existing property line. I mention this knoll is community-friendly as children often play on this knoll, for instance, while waiting for the school bus, as well as tobogganing there in the winter.

There are other reasons for changing the plan. As it stands, the church will have to reconfigure a sizeable portion of their parking lot. Literally tons and tons of earth will have to be removed to level the area. Both sewer and water lines must be significantly re-routed to make this plan feasible. Community mailboxes will have to be moved and reinstalled. If the plan is changed, the new lots could more easily conform to sizes more consistent with neighboring properties.

I seriously suggest you go back to the drawing board for this proposal as I think it is a mistake as it now stands.