

Dear Commission Members,

We, Republican members of the Branford RTM from the 5th District, are submitting this letter of concern about the application by Boston-based Beacon Properties. We have heard from many neighbors opposed to this expansion.

We are also concerned about why a project that was funded as a senior housing project in 1974, is now being pushed through with requests to bend rules and speed up the process so that a for-profit company can intensify and change a use from a senior housing project to a low-income "affordable housing" initiative.

We are certain that many issues about this expansion will be raised tonight and we ask that the Commission follow its practice of keeping hearings open until all of the questions raised are answered. We should not be rushed into something because of a threatened lawsuit or because an out of town company needs to make a profit.

We have concerns about the process and concerns about whether this expanded and new use is consistent with the neighborhood and character of this small part of Branford. We are hoping that you take the time and care that this project deserves before making a decision.

Sincerely,