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Dear Danielle et. al.,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at today's Zoning Regulation Revision Subcommittee meeting. One point that I forgot to make when I was speaking today was this:

The May 11, 2021 POCD High Level Review Subcommittee meeting focused on Chapter 14 of the 2017 POCD which, in turn, led to today's Zoning Regulation Revision Subcommittee meeting. I'd like to suggest that the POCD High Level Review Subcommittee also focus on Chapter 5 of the POCD. That chapter is entitled "Preserve Open Space."

I'm hoping that the POCD High Level Review Subcommittee will pursue ways to implement the recommendations provided in Chapter 5. I will quote a small portion from Chapter 5 (page 42) of that plan as follows:

Maintenance of existing open space is an important issue in two respects. First, the Town worked hard over the years to acquire and preserve open spaces and residents feel these areas could be managed better. Time and attention should be devoted to maintaining open space properties and avoiding illegal dumping and other infringements. Second, land already preserved as open space should be kept as open space rather than used for other purposes. Only when there is no alternative should the Town consider developing its public open spaces. This policy is based on the principle that once open space is developed, it is lost forever.

These are important guidelines that should drive any decision-making whenever open space is involved. Additionally, I'd like to see the maintenance angle emphasized in any further discussions concerning Baron's South. Zero maintenance is occurring on the grounds. Not even the most rudimentary maintenance is performed. The town has truly squandered this incredible resource for over 20 years. I'm hoping that your POCD Review Subcommittee can change that course of inaction.

Best regards,

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