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## ZBA - 222 Hillspoint - Support of P&Z Decision

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To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

This letter is in support of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to change Westport's zoning regulations to allow liquor sales at Retail Food Establishments.

The P&Z was working in its legislative capacity and has wide latitude to make such changes at its own discretion. The decision is legal and should be upheld.

The opposition to this change had the ability to appeal said P&Z decision to the RTM, but chose not to or simply failed to do so.

The appeal is not about liquor sales, this appeal is about killing the underlying business that would benefit from this zoning change. These two neighbors have already been successful in destroying Allen's Clam house and what was then Positano's and any future restaurant opportunity in that location. Now they want to get the hat trick and kill off the Old Mill Grocery. They simply don't want any commercial entity to exist in the area to despoil their world.

By contrast, the community wants this business. Over 500 people donated funds to save the house and offer an opportunity for a business to reside within it. Over 400 people submitted letters of support for the text amendment which was passed and is under appeal here.

The Zoning Board of Appeals should send a clear message by upholding the P&Z decision and denying this appeal.

Thank You,

Matthew Mandell

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