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To The Planning Board:

The Capitol Hill Development (even though you removed the beautiful brick sign, the name is still the same), is a SINGLE FAMILY housing development with three styles of houses. They are: Colonial, Straight Ranch and High Ranch a.k.a Bi-level house. They are no more than two stories tall with a basement on some of them. I mention this because a multi-family house is dangerous and also ruins the esthetic of the development.

There are rules for a reason.

A) Fire safety. Can the fire department put out a fire on the roof at these new houses? Do they have tall enough ladders?

B) Water supply and flooding. Everything that has been built recently is taller and takes up the whole width of each piece of land. This a problem because our water supply is taxed heavily and breaks frequently. Brown water shouldn't be the usual.

C) Flooding - When you clear all the trees from the land you have nothing to hold back the water.

It's understandable that house styles change along with family needs. What is unacceptable is a planning board that disregards the safety of all village residents and bends the rules to suit their own interests.

I vote no on this housing proposal.

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