

Correspondence received by the Concord Select Board

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Select Board,

I was shocked and disappointed by the SB decision to not appeal the legal case from the Land Court regarding the Synes development vs. Town of Concord. This decision was made without public comment and without the residents that are most closely impacted and whom have been following and promoting this development since the beginning. This issue is of great importance to residents of West Concord.

The Special Permit was for excessive earth removal (similar to surrounding towns) which was greater than >1,000 CU/yds of earth from the site. Symes was not simply over this level at 1,200 or even 2,900 CU/yds of earth but was requesting a Special Permit to remove 64,000+ CU/yds of earth from the site and flatten and fill the entire hill and valley, permanently changing the topography of this section of West Concord. The fact that this important decision did not include neighbors, abutters or any member of the public, was very concerning and wrong.

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Hi Kerry and Select Board Members,

I have been following the conversations on transparency in town government and am concerned. I would ask the Town Manager and Select Board representatives to provide clear and concise information on Town employment statistics, especially relative to other towns, and why Concord is paying additional expenses for out of state employees.

As the Town is facing financial strain, and with tighter conditions expected ahead, this type of spending seems unwarranted.

Thank you,
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