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PLANNING BOARD

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TO: Stow Planning Board

RE: New Dog Training Building

As a neighbor to the newly constructed dog training facility, I am writing to ask if any consideration was given regarding the ultimate color of said building. The overly bright, overly visible orange is a poor choice if neighbors were given any thought. When the trees are bare, which is almost 6 months of the year, we will be staring at an ugly, huge orange building plopped down in the middle of a nice residential neighborhood.

Had the feelings of the neighbors been considered, a better color choice would have been made that would blend in with the surroundings rather than "screaming hey look at us". Since this is not supposed to be a commercial enterprise, the need for visibility is absent.

It would have also been preferable to site the building closer to the road which would have left a wooded buffer. Instead, the building was cited as close to the property line of neighbors as possible.

The eyesore is there and is obviously going to stay but I would ask that in the future, the planning board consider "color" as a mitigating factor when approving a non-residential building in a residential neighborhood. McDonald's and Dunkin Donuts are being asked/required to tone down their loud colors even when being built in a commercial zone. I ask the board for the same consideration for residential zones.

Thank you,
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