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Town of Stow  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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22 Randall Road  
Stow, MA 01775  
January 3, 2023

Stow, MA  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Town Building  
380 Great Road  
Stow, MA 01775

Dear Members of the Board of Appeals:

With regards to the upcoming meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:15pm concerning the Stow Acres Country Club's petition for special permit under section 3.9 (Non-Conforming Uses and structures) we the owners and abutters of the course living at 22 Randall Road, are in opposition to the construction of an additional maintenance building and access drive at this time.

In addition to the proposed structure being a nonconforming building with an atypical style not keeping with the residential historical ascetics of the area, the proposed structure would be:

- Too close to the public roadway obstructing the view at an already dangerous intersection and creating a hazardous driving impairment.
- Would be within 100 feet and lacking protection for stone walls.
- The proximity to the wells of several of our neighbors where chemicals and other materials will be stored and seeping or leaking into our families drinking water.
- The proposed structure would not be in keeping with the historic nature of the club house, surrounding buildings, and landscapes.
- Stow Acres is planning to demolish two iconic structures (Red Barn and Yellow Building). Putting up a metal structure will give the look and feel of an industrial area versus building a new typical New England barn in the current footprint that would be more appropriate to with the historic nature of this land. Furthermore, with consolidation from 36 holes to 18 holes a reimaged facility should be sufficient for the courses needs.
- Consideration must also be given for the long-term plan and ownership of the course. Spending the least amount (metal structure vs. new barn) to service the course and one day turn over the property, leaves the surrounding residents with diminished vistas. Our understanding of the purchased conservation restriction by taxpayer monies was to preserve the qualities of a small rural town in the heart of apple picking. Black Swan (located in FL) is a business whose goal is to maximize the ongoing profits and a future liquidity event, not preserving Stow.

Sincerely,

  
Steven & Jennifer Amico