

Valerie Oorthuys

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Hi, Valerie-

I wish I could say that I appreciate your email, but I have to express my complete dismay at why my 320 year old home is still being included in the Business District. Town representatives often cite the desire to preserve the rural, historic character of Stow and yet, one of the oldest homes in the Town is being put at risk because of being zoned for business.

This decision allows a historically noncompliant business owner to benefit by not having to maintain a buffer between districts while simultaneously posing a safety and privacy concern for the residential property owner.

I would love to know the reasoning behind this decision. How does the town benefit by this?

- Leigh

On Mon, Feb 27, 2023, 11:32 AM Valerie Oorthuys <planning@stow-ma.gov> wrote:

Hi Leigh,

Please see the attached letter from the Planning Board as a response to the questions you've detailed below.

Please let me know if there are any items I can clarify.

Thank you,

Valerie Oorthuys, AICP

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