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Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Alison Davis
Subject: 110 Riverside Ave concerns for 2/19/20 DRB

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Hi Ali,

I got an auto replay that Mary is out and Scott is her backup. I also got an auto reply from Scott saying he is out until 2/21 listing you as a contact. I wanted to file my public comment for the Development Review Board on 2/19/20. Thank you for your help.

Jason

----- Original Message -----

From: JASON STUFFLE <stuffle@comcast.net>
To: MCOneil@burlingtonvt.gov, SGustin@burlingtonvt.gov
Date: February 18, 2020 at 11:26 AM
Subject: 110 Riverside Ave concerns for 2/19/20 DRB

Hi Scott and Mary,

I wanted to pass along my concerns about the proposed development at 110 Riverside Ave for the 2/19/20 Development Review Board. I have owned and lived at 316 Colchester Ave for the past 15 years. I can see 110 Riverside from my property looking down the steep ravine. I have a natural spring/underground stream on my property that runs down directly into this area - documented in a late 1800s property sale - listed as a feature. Through my research I have found that 338 Colchester Ave (built 1970) which is next to my property and over the water source was built on fill. There are old pictures of Colchester Ave from the 1920 showing this - see link for pictures and video below. The road between 338/339 Colchester Ave has had constant sinkholes and failed a few times (likely due to this underground water) and contour lines of the area support this. The water runs off my property year round and is not just storm water. The entrance to Salmon Hole park was also heavily filled and old pictures support this. There is a picture included showing the Nash Place houses and 314 Colchester Ave with the almost treeless ravine running down right to that spot on Riverside Ave.

I took some pics and videos this fall of the area where they are proposing to build. It is very concerning to me because the natural spring on my property line runs downhill right into the parking lot/area they are suppose to put the building on. The area at the bottom is constantly wet, there are visible stream beds and its not just from run off. This is an underground water source was it still flows in the winter. There is always new "junk" coming out of the ravine from the fill that was placed there. At the very bottom there is a big bank of soil to block the water from going into the parking lot. This is called a soil stockpile in the plans.

In the pics/videos at the link below you can also see that there are 4 newly built houses and 1 massively renovated one directly above the building property. These were all built since the previous version of this development and should be accounted for. I have real concerns with banks being disturbed as you really don't know what is under them. This is a big concern for the current property owners along Colchester Ave as well as the safety of residents in the proposed building. Given the history of landslides along Riverside Ave I want to make sure that this is thoroughly investigated. From a conversation standpoint this seems like they are building on top of a water source/stream which is also concerning. I attend DRBs for the previous project stating similar concerns but it never advanced enough to investigate them.

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