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To: All Weare residents

From: Raymond Banks (Weare resident)

This letter is in reference to land I sold to the Town of Weare. When I sold this land at a 'bargain price' to the town, we agreed the field would be protected and left as agricultural.

I also greatly reduced the price as the town did not have all the funds. The town was in need of gravel and this was also done to benefit the residents without a tax burden. They would have had to outsource for gravel which would have raised resident taxes.

The town now wants to renege on that promise and turn the land into recreational fields.

I don't believe the town has done any sort of impact study on East Rd. There are no sidewalks for children walking and the road is very curvy.

Alma Shmid (who was the only hairdresser in this town for years) was very involved in the community participating in almost all events held. It was Alma's wish before she passed away to have the town purchase this land for conservational use only.

The conservation committee came to me about purchasing the land. They were in the process of purchasing the abutting property. They promised to put recreational fields in the back area of the pit where the large mound of gravel was. They were to put the loam back in place for the fields. The gravel has been removed and is now used by the police firing range and there is now no loam on that land (maybe it was used elsewhere and needs to be replaced).

My daughter Ann (now passed) was head of the cheerleading program as the mascot. We were involved in the town's sports programs. We are not trying to deter Parks & Rec from putting fields in Weare but the property on East Rd was not sold for this reason as promised.

Fish and game goes on the property as needed to check the health of the wildlife. Perhaps the field could be used as garden to help feed those in need....

Respectfully,



Raymond Banks