

November 29, 2018

Exeter Planning Board 10 Front Street Exeter, NH 03833

Re: PB Case #17-27; Open Space Development Plan of Exeter Rose Farm, LLC; Patrick Seekamp

Dear Chairman Plummer.

When the Planning Board voted in favor of engaging a third party reviewer, the expectation of the public was that the November 15, 2018 Board meeting would include both a report and an appearance by the consultant, Patrick Seekamp.

The letter of agreement and fee included specific mention of a public appearance, and emails sent by Planning Department staff to my clients stated that Mr. Seekamp would be present at the November 15 meeting. However, Mr. Seekamp was not present, and my clients subsequently learned from Mr. Seekamp that he was not asked by the Town Planner or anyone else to attend the meeting.

The Board and the public deserve the opportunity to hear directly from Mr. Seekamp, rather than to have his findings summarized by Mr. Sharples. This is especially important because Mr. Seekamp's report was submitted the day before the November 15 meeting, which did not allow for meaningful advanced review of the report by the Board.

We request that Mr. Seekamp be invited and confirmed to attend the December 6 meeting. It would be appropriate to allow the public the opportunity to comment and ask questions of him. After all, it was the concerns put forth by my clients and other members of the community that inspired the Board to request this third party review.

Thank you for your continued consideration of my client's concerns.

Sincerely,

**Jason Reimers** 

cc: Dave Sharples, Town Planner

