

June 15, 2012

Dover Town Planning Board
Re. Proposed Hannaford Supermarket

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing this regarding the proposed Hannaford supermarket in Dover Plains, off of Route 22, as I can't make the meeting on June 18th.

I will address each point on the informational sheet I picked up at Food Town.

1. The proposal is too large to fit in with the 'small town' feel.
Rather than having to drive to New Milford, CT, or to Pawling/Patterson to do a 'big' shopping trip, I'd prefer to support my home community. A little competition to Food Town would be a good thing as well, and in light of this most stagnant economy, it would create permanent jobs .
2. It may impact wetlands.
This is true, and I trust the Board will investigate this possibility, and address it accordingly. The Dover Knolls and Cricket Valley projects will also impact the wetlands, both are MUCH larger than this project.
3. The project will negatively impact the Dover Knolls Project, by eliminating the need of a market there. Dover Knolls has been in the works for about 10 years, with no sign of real progress. D.K. will eliminate the 'small town' feel, and negatively impact the school system by increasing enrollment substantially. More school 'overhead' means more tax money needed to sustain salaries, etc. Also - if Dover Knolls wants to have a supermarket there on site, let them. Competition is key to the capitalist system we have in place in this great country of ours.
4. The Master Plan states that if a project is developed, neighboring properties will not be adversely affected.
Hhhmmmm....Cricket Valley, Dover Knolls, proposed low-income housing on Reagans Mills Rd. all come to mind. None of these projects are positives for this community in my opinion.
5. Storm water run off needs to be studied.
Yes it does, and again, I trust the Board will do so, and hire out professional consultants if need be.
6. There are traffic issues that need to be studied more carefully.
Certainly, and again, think about Cricket Valley and Dover Knolls. They will also have a great impact on traffic.

I wish other beneficial commercial projects would come to this region. Target, a nice movie theater, chain kid-friendly restaurants, supermarkets, what have you, would be a wonderful addition to have locally. Given the cost of gas, and of time spent sitting and driving to these type destinations, wouldn't it be great to have something of this nature close to home? Most residents commute long distances to work these days, if they are lucky enough to have a job. This project would provide much needed employment to many, especially to students and moms that need 'family-friendly' hours.

Personally, I think the project is a great and much needed idea.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Meeting about Hannaford

Please come to the Public Meeting about the Proposed
Hannaford Supermarket

Monday, June 18th, 7pm

Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road

This public meeting is to hear the issues related to the proposed Hannaford Supermarket. Please come and express your opinion.

Or

Please write a letter to the town planning board.

Some of the issues are:

- The proposal (36,000 square feet) is too big and not in keeping with our small town.
- The proposal has the potential to impact wetlands
- This is a regional size store that will negatively impact many local businesses.
- This supermarket will negatively impact the Dover Knolls project by eliminating the potential to have a supermarket go there.
- The Master Plan states that if a project is to be developed, neighboring properties shall not be adversely affected.
- The storm water run off plan needs to be studied more carefully.
- There are traffic issues that need to be studied more carefully.
- This is only a partial list.

Due to these and other issues, and more, this project must get a “Positive Declaration” under SEQR.

