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Reference: 2015 Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Chairman and Planning Board Members,

It is my understanding that you are to hold a workshop on our Town's proposed 2016 Comprehensive Plan this evening.

Before you begin, I would like to share with you some thoughts as to why you should neither discuss or endorse this proposed 2016 Comprehensive Plan:

- First, I think that you all are owed an apology by whomever dumped this controversial 2016 Comprehensive Plan on your Board.
- Our 2015 Comprehensive Plan Committee spent over a year going over and over the Plan and you are being requested to decide on it in a month.
- It is my opinion that 99.9% of the population of our Town have no idea as to what our Town's Comprehensive Plan is all about or how important it is to the future growth/development of our Town.
- At the end of the year our 2015 Comp Committee was pressured to take a vote on rather or not our Plan was ready to be sent to the State. The vote ended in a three to three tie.
- One of the three members that voted to push the Comp Plan forward to the State, should have, in good conscious, abstained themselves from voting due to a conflict of interest.
- This 2016 proposed Comprehensive Plan, as it is presented to you, is a sham and a waste of our Town of Wells tax dollars.

- During the proceedings some of us began to develop doubts about the legality of what was taking place. We put them in writing and sent them to Jon Carter and our Selectmen.
- They in turn sent our concerns to our Town Attorney.
- Our Town Attorney wrote up briefs with a whole lot of fluff, which did not address the issues but offering enough encouragement for our Selectmen to push forward in their pursuit to get this Comp Plan through.
- The tax payers of Wells (us included) paid for this information.
- Because we cared for our Town and fellow citizens, we citizens and tax payers spent over \$2,000.00 of our own money in lawyer and printing fees trying to get the facts resolved.
- We were asked by the Selectmen to attend a workshop to express our concerns.
- Our hiring of an attorney upset our Board of Selectmen so much so that we were bullied during our workshop presentation. It got so bad by certain Selectmen that one Selectman felt obliged to speak up and asked the Board to stop and treat us with respect.
- Our concerns were rejected, our Selectman voted to send the Comp Plan off to the State for review and it was returned because of inadequacies.
- Instead of reconvening the original Comp Plan Committee (which our Selectmen had dismissed) to work on it, our Selectmen turned it over to our Planning Department to tweak.
- And tweak they did.
- The Comp Plan was sent to the State again.
- The Comp Plan was approved.
- The problem is that:
 - The State was under the assumption that our original 2015 Comp Plan Committee had reconvened, made the necessary changes and then resubmitted the Plan.
 - Besides the above, a certain Selectman and a member of our 2015 Comprehensive Plan Committee fraudulently signed off on the document as the Chairman of our committee.
- My suggestions to you Planning Board Members are to:
 - Do not bother with a workshop.

- Send the 2016 Comprehensive Plan back to the Selectmen
- And ask them politely to stop the foolishness, do the right thing for the citizens of our Town, and reconvene the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Furman, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John R, Furman, Jr.