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Subject: FW: Proposed Taco Truck operating at 16 Webster Street Rockland MA 02370 > meeting on 11/21/2023

From: Jack Egan <jack123power@gmail.com>
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Mr. Robert C. Rosa
Chairman
Rockland Zoning Board of Appeals

CC: All Rockland Zoning Board of Appeal Committee Members

Rob,

Subject: Proposed Taco Truck operating at 16 Webster Street Rockland MA 02370

Timeframe: Rockland Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday 11/21/2023 @ 7:45 PM

I am absolutely opposed to a Taco Truck operating out of 16 Webster Street in Rockland. Some issues are listed below.

Most of the time we have limited traffic issues in the area. However there are times when parking does get heavy due to the overflow of parking from the nursing home, schools that have been working out of 28 Webster Street, numerous service vehicles, delivery vehicles, etc. . I find this can be especially true around lunch time. At one lunchtime I counted the number of service / delivery vehicles in the area during a 15 minute window (right after viewing a Zoning Board discussion about Shinglemill) and came up with 31 non Post Office vehicles operating between the Webster Street Nursing Home and Union Street. Parking was unusually high during that lunch time but most vehicles stayed just long enough to make deliveries and left. Vehicles included

- 2 tractor trailers del. food to restaurants on Union Street
- 4 Amazon vans

- 2 UPS vans,
- fedex van
- Peapod truck
- Bob's furniture truck
- A plumber's truck
- electrician's truck
- Carpenter's pickup truck
- Landscapers
- door dash
- Uber
- Domino's Pizza
- Several other food del. services,
- Verizon truck
- Comcast truck
- Etc.

Having additional vehicles jockeying for parking spaces in the area will make it more difficult for the street residents to get daily deliveries and to have parking for their visitors.

There is also an issue with the way people park, people continually park anywhere and how they please. Issues include:

- Parking in front of driveways
- Parking in my driveway
- Leaving their driver side door open when they go to the Post Office.
- People get somewhat hostile when you ask them to move their car because they parked across or in my driveway.

The Truf area is exactly where the street's Fire Hydrant is located and I am sure people will **continually** park directly in front of it making the Fire Hydrant not available when it's absolutely needed. Since the Hydrant is also located right at the curb it will most likely get hit a number of times by people parking as close as possible to the turf area.

Trash is another big issue in the neighborhood, on numerous occasions I had to pick up over 50 items of trash on a given day. A Taco Truck will only increase the amount of litter in the area. Even if there are trash cans there is no way a Taco Truck will be able to stop people from littering in the neighborhood. The litter will also increase the number of animals visiting in order to get a free meal, especially at night.

I do not want to see, smell or hear any porta potties in the area. Additionally there is no way anyone in the neighborhood wants to have Taco dinner using the bushes. We continually get the smells from the various restaurants in the area which are sometimes OK but at other times definitely not pleasant and can be overwhelming especially when someone appears to be burning garbage.

These are just a few of my thoughts about the issue. I will be attending via phone and I believe my name will not be visible to you so make sure you do not bump me out of the zoom meeting. I would have preferred an in person meeting on this matter.

Stay safe and healthy,

Jack Egan
38 Webster Street