

Subject: MAY 3: Public Hearing for 244-250 North Main Street
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Branford Citizens for Responsible Development

Dear Friend:

We've written you about public hearings concerning a proposed retail development at 244-250 North Main Street, between Clancy Funeral Home and United Tire. We want to encourage you to attend the continuation of the original hearing which will take place this Thursday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., at the Fire Headquarters.

The proposal is for two retail buildings, one at 62,426 sq. ft. (bigger than Stop and Shop or the Big Y), the other at 13,200 sq. ft. The size of the bigger building requires the granting by the Planning and Zoning Commission of a Special Exception. The proposal also includes significant reworking of the landscape, including eliminating a rock ledge in the rear of the property. All of this activity will result in further cutting down of existing trees, inconsistent with the current Plan of Conservation and Development (p. 21), which notes the importance of preserving existing tree cover even in commercial development. As we said in our original letter on this proposal, we have no problems with commercial use of site, just with the scale and approach.

So please attend the hearing or send your thoughts to Town Planner Harry Smith at hsmith@branford-ct.gov. If you want to see the plans for yourself, staff at the Planning and Zoning office will willingly let you look at them.

There seems to be a never ending stream of insensitive development proposals. But bit by bit, we can keep working together towards a Branford landscape that we can be proud of.

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