



The Webster Mega-Build!!

Join your neighbors in fighting plans by the Webster at Rye nursing home at 795 Washington Road to impose a huge new expansion on our community and the town of Rye. The proposal to build a new two-story addition is massive by any measure. The Webster facility is already by far the biggest commercial business on all of Washington Road. Yet, the entire neighborhood is zoned for single family residences!

Webster at Rye, a tax-exempt operation, is seeking a variance to encroach on wetlands and a special exception to more than double its current size! The population of the nursing home will be nearly doubled. Traffic, noise and pollution on Washington Road and in the immediate neighborhood will increase as more visitors, more staff, more services travel our roads to serve this increased population. The construction could affect a large area of wildlife habitat.

In granting both the original exception to build Webster and in each of the subsequent permits to expand, no one ever contemplated or intended to authorize such a mega-expansion. Webster has already received several special exceptions since it first opened in the 1980s, allowing it to grow from some 48,000 square feet to its current size of 58,500 square feet. Enough is enough!

There are plenty of other commercial locations available in the Seacoast area to accommodate our growing elderly population that would not interfere with our peaceful community. We appreciate the need for better facilities to provide aging seniors with a peaceful place to live out their years or seek short-term rehabilitation, but the cost to our community of this proposed expansion is just too high.

If this expansion is approved, all of Rye is at risk. Would you want an enormous facility like this next door to *your* home??

Join your neighbors in fighting this unwarranted expansion. Please come to the Town Hall on May 7th at 7 p.m. for the next hearing by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Get informed! Stand up and make your voice heard!

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