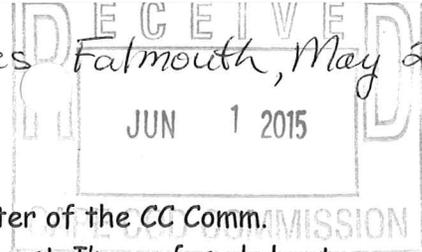


Comments at hearing for Springhill Suites Falmouth, May 26, 2015



I would first like to tell you that I've been a strong supporter of the CC Comm. since its inception and hope that you're still worthy of my trust. I'm confused about how the process works & am looking for clarification. Before receiving any public input, you appear to have been easing the process for the developer by telling them that they can alter their submission to qualify for the Limited Development of Regional Impact procedure, which is much less onerous than the regular procedure. You also told them on Nov.28, 2014 that if they reapplied with that current date they could fall under your new regs.that don't require hearings or a subcommittee.

At this point you've already approved the Limited Development of Regional Impact review. You've already asked the developer to bring shingle samples to the hearing, and suggest different shrubs in their landscape plan. To be talking about such details seems to indicate that you're pretty far along in your approval of the project rather than still examining its overall impact, which is surprising. I would have thought that the Commission would stay neutral until receiving public input to be certain you have all the information needed to make a good decision [Staff Rept.for Limited DRI Review 5/19/15].

For a member of the public who sees major flaws in this application (particularly your acceptance of a dishonest traffic "study", which is what enabled the Limited Review), this has the appearance of going through the motions of hearing the public when you appear to be easing the process for the benefit of a multinational corporation & appear to have already made your decision, which conjures up David & Goliath, if you get my drift. Thus, there is the appearance that nothing we say will have any influence on a decision already made, which evokes concerns about the transparency of the process.

Is there another explanation for requesting this level of detail at the first public hearing? Can you tell me specifically how our comments will be used and whether - if they are deemed valid - you can go "backward" and request the regular review?

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