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Saying “NO” to State mandated property uses is the right choice to make by our lawmakers. Removing the right of a small town to control the use of land within it’s borders, is the absolute wrong thing to do. Trying to disguise this as a “discriminatory practice” that small town allegedly use to prevent the building of cluster housing or affordable housing is asinine. Government at the State level, has no right to tell any town how they can utilize their properties, and borders on the fringes of Communistic thinking. Small town Planning and Zoning commissions are manned by residents of the town that know the town, know the area, and know what will and won’t fit in their community. Do you think that some State appointed person or board would take into consideration local laws and local properties that have been granted to the town for public use by generations of families? Do you think that the State board can just over ride the voices of the people that live in these small towns and just take away the Planning and Zoning Commissions of those towns? I don’t think so. It’s for the towns to decide, not the State, how properties should be used within their borders, and the people of that town’s voice must be heard to either approve or disapprove land uses by developers and those that would sacrifice open space for the sake of cluster housing. This is the worst idea I’ve ever heard of to come out of Hartford, and those that sit in judgement of small-town Planning and Zoning Commissions. It’s not right, and should be tossed from any agenda in the future. I don’t think towns are willing to let “the State” tell them what is and what is not proper use of land with in their borders. This “bill” insults the people across the State, in small towns that make up their local P&Z Commissions. Stop trying to wrest the local governments rights from their hands. It’s not the State’s property, it’s the people’s property, and it’s their right to decide what is built, where it is built, and when it is built.

Regards,

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