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Bill for More density in Stamford: Bill # 1024

A zoning board bill of this kind, to promote greater density in the region, should be preceded by 4 major priorities.

Water

- The argument that newer appliances does not use that much water does not consider the amount of new people in the region.
- Up to 6000 more showers a day, meals prepared, laundry and toilets flushing etc.
- argument that it is the watering systems:
 - Homes with lawns were established here first.
 - taxes are paid on that property and homeowners
Have a right to groom their properties
 - Large properties are still the best source of income for the city
 - Argument that more residents will result in greater tax dollars and
Help the city with its debt crisis is counteracted by the tax rebates given to developers
 - Some houses with watering systems only have two residents
Whereas some other homes without watering systems have large families. There is a prejudice against watering a lawn and rates should be based on meter and total usage.
Even if a premium were paid for higher usage there simply is not yet a reliable means for us to have more water
- Sewage and water drainage regarding size of pipes leading out to the sound.
According to Stamford's head engineer in a meeting two years ago, Sewage and water drainage in floods depends in some places on older smaller pipes
Which is why sometimes in heavy rains water gets backed up under the train bridges leaving little or no access for residents in Shippan Point to get home. This has often resulted in long traffic back-ups on roads that the city tries to re-navigate people going south, which is already unsuccessful simply because we live on a peninsula.
- Wifi: Thousands more people are using bandwidth and wifi that has not been upgraded for years. Recently Altice has strung some new wires but this still is inadequate for the thousands of phones, computers, watches and i-pads that are now in need of wifi. Dropped calls and streaming access cut offs are now already common.

Bill 171

- This bill will decrease property values.
- It will cause a greater exodus from Connecticut.
- \$300,000 is not a Mansion in CT.