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HB

Wilton ZBA,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed "nature trail" development. The plans indicate that the trail would require the town's permission to work around existing wetlands and easements on the property. I believe the variance should be denied.

It is my understanding that Ms. Ryan purchased the land with full knowledge of these encumbrances. I believe it is unreasonable to expect the town to accommodate her development plans, as they would negatively impact the environment and surrounding properties. The proposed construction of a raised roadbed, disguised as a nature trail, will significantly impact my property during flood events, as it will alter the natural flow of water in the aquifer and floodplain and redirect floodwaters onto my land.

Additionally, Ms. Ryan's plan to intersect the trail with the existing snowmobile trail is problematic. The snowmobile trail is not a public right-of-way; the snowmobile club maintains the trail and requires my permission to access my land.

I urge you to carefully consider these points before making any decisions that could negatively impact the environment and surrounding properties.

Sincerely,
Heidi