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This is a message from Michael Scott who has lived at 11 Hartman for some 16+ years.

The other evening when I drove into my drive, before I got out of my car, a very courteous man accompanied by a lady to whom I did not speak, was bringing flyers around.

I am sorry to say I reacted before knowing what was "in store" because one develops a generally defensive mode toward persons promoting whatever, which usually turns out to be of a religious tenor.

Your canvasser was most polite, and informative, and I am sorry indeed for my initial cold reaction. These condos are a blight upon what was once the lovely area of Pine Grove.. It is with utter disgust that one hears of yet another, and quite naturally violating the overall Guidelines, as these things ever do, The vast structure at Willis, an unwarranted violation of "flood-plain" constraints and infringement upon conservation land along the river, blossomed from a few units to a multi-monster; the one opposite the end of Hartman apparently has trouble "selling out" if one may judge from the continuing "Open House" signs.

However, the reality we all know is that those elected to Council have scant regard for those who voted them in; the OMB are a collection of persons of doubtful calibre from elsewhere, thus having no interest in local concerns, but merely being influenced by "developers" who doubtless provide encouragement or emolument in some guise in order to achieve consent.

Personally, I so despair of the "spring is coming; condos are building" atmosphere, and feel so completely disenchanted with what the area has become, that at last I get the message - "If you are not satisfied; go somewhere else" such as to encourage the thought to pull up stakes and move away. It is distressing in the extreme. But there is little one may do.

As I have done before, when these things come to a supposed "hearing", I will attend if I can, and be ready to voice discontent and total disenchantment with the performance and behaviour of those one might otherwise hope to trust. Unfortunately, Franca Porretta whose family lives on Birch Hill, and who has put so much energy into attempts to preserve our social environment here, is currently dealing with an infection affecting her voice, and thus is unable to attend. Franca has put an awful amount of time into attempting to curtail distasteful development, but with precious little desired outcome, as well one may see.

Quite frankly, I have no trust nor respect at all for the Mayor or most of Council.
"If you don't like it, go somewhere else" is clearly the adage they sprout in covert form;
- such is the advice I intend to follow in the course of this year, though I like it not..

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