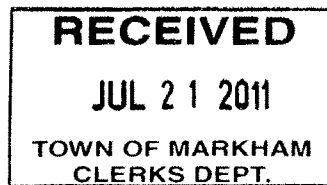


July 21, 2011



To whom it may concern,

Please accept my request to make a deputation at the September 13, Development Services Committee regarding the development charges levied against my property at 56 Main St. Unionville. In the year 1999 The Town requested that I make secure a vacant house I had on the property. The By-law official verbally recommended on site that I demolish the building to prevent any further orders. I was happy to cooperate with the Town and I demolished the vacant house on the property. At that time, no one from the Town was able to inform myself of the implications that would arise from demolishing the house. Because the house was a legal non-conforming use, I had to apply for a rezoning when I recently decided to build my retirement house on the property. This cost me over \$20,000.00.

I also wasn't informed that if I did not construct a new building within four years of demolishing the previous house, that I would be subject to development charges. When I came to pick up my building permit from the Town, I was informed that I could not get my permit until I paid \$51,000.00 in development charges.

Had someone in the Town informed me of the cost that I would have to pay due to the demolition of the previous house, at the Pre-consultation phase of my site plan and rezoning application I could have made an informed decision as to whether or not to proceed with building my retirement house, but I was not. The failure of the Town to inform me of these consequences has now cost me over \$70,000.00 that I might have avoided had I been given the correct information from the Town.

I respectfully ask this committee if they might acknowledge the Town's failure to properly inform myself in this matter and consider taking on some responsibility for this failure by excusing myself from the development charges levied against my property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' or 'L' shape with a horizontal line crossing through it.