

Lewes Partnership for Managing Growth

Meeting minutes – 10/17/15

Libby Owen – Board Member LPMG

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- They stated that the shopping center will require drawing traffic from a 6 – 8 mile radius with 11,000 trips per day.
- Governors will have 600 paved parking spots

Concerns

- Traffic
- Public Safety – Fire, Police, Paramedic delays. It is considered a public safety issue if the traffic prevents you from getting to the hospital.
- Vehicle conflicts with bikes and pedestrians
- School Safety
- City of Lewes well head recharge area
- Once rezoned, they can change the plans and/or sell the property to someone else who will change the plans

They stated:

This zoning change was previously denied on the grounds that it was not consistent with the surrounding area, it is an environmentally sensitive area, and it did not satisfy the need for rezoning. CR1 means they can do anything they want from a commercial perspective. AR1 allows them to build houses. If this is rezoned from AR1 to CR1, other land on this road could follow suite in terms of commercial development. They stated that AR1 would allow a small shopping hamlet of 25,000 sq. ft.).

This shopping area is about the same size as the Pelican Square mall where SuperFresh and other stores are.

They suggest that the surrounding areas, neighborhoods, and individuals should support denial of the zoning change. People should insist on area wide long range planning, support smart growth, and encourage DELDOT to take a more proactive, citizen-centric role in traffic planning. Individuals should send letters to all of our representatives in all bodies and say no. Also sign petitions, and make monetary contributions to Lewes Partnership for Managing Growth (LPMG). Their web site is www.LewesPartnershipForManagingGrowth.com.

LPMG says they do not stand for no growth, but for managed growth.