

## Emails from Representative Lenny Mirra responding to Bradford Smith concerning petition against Village at Cricket Lane

Hi Bradford,

Feel free to share my email, that would be perfectly fine. Unfortunately there is not much we can do about the current application for a 40B project, the courts have ruled that it's up to the municipality to provide water so we cannot use that as a reason to deny a permit. What we can do is come up with a housing plan that would let us control the size and location of future projects. I'm doing this in other towns and would be happy to do it with Newbury residents as well.

Lenny Mirra  
State Representative, 2nd Essex District

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**From:** Bradford C. Smith [[blacksmiths@comcast.net](mailto:blacksmiths@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:15 PM  
**To:** Mirra, Leonard - Rep. (HOU)  
**Subject:** RE: [External]: Petition Against Village at Cricket Lane

Dear Mr. Mirra,

Thank you for sharing your concern over the local towns' problems with low water supplies. I would think that is a significant issue for all, regardless of 40B development.

I did not share your email during last week's ZBA Zoom meeting. Should I have? Should I forward your email to the ZBA? Would you be able to contact the ZBA and share your concerns and possible future outcomes?

The next meeting is February 18. I believe the ZBA hearings are almost done because waivers from the developer were made known last week and the ZBA is responding to those waivers at the February meeting.

Is there anything else the Pearson Drive neighborhood can do?

Thank you so much for your support and all you have done.

Sincerely,  
Bradford Smith

On 01/21/2021 3:48 PM Mirra, Leonard - Rep. (HOU) <[leonard.mirra@mahouse.gov](mailto:leonard.mirra@mahouse.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for sending Bradford, and I will continue to do all I can. In fact we just had a zoom meeting with Mass Rivers Alliance about water supplies and drought and we explained to them that all the towns in this area draw from the same aquifers and we all have problems with water supplies running low every summer.

If this is happening now then it will only get worse with just about every town facing a 40B project.

We're going to work with the Governor's office to address this and try to get some relief.

Sincerely,

Lenny Mirra  
State Representative, 2nd Essex District

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**From:** Bradford C. Smith [[blacksmiths@comcast.net](mailto:blacksmiths@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 1:56 PM  
**To:** Mirra, Leonard - Rep. (HOU)  
**Subject:** [External]: Petition Against Village at Cricket Lane

Dear Mr. Mirra,

I appreciate your longtime support of our Byfield neighborhood in our effort to prevent a development off of Pearson Drive.

Attached to this email is a petition containing a signature from every household on Pearson Drive, with one exception and over 130 signatures of Byfield residents who live on or near Pearson Drive.

The ZBA is meeting tonight via Zoom to continue discussion of the development. Your presence in the past has been very much appreciated. The neighborhood would be most thankful for any additional support and guidance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Bradford C. Smith  
6 Pearson Drive