

**ZBA FY2020-39, Valley CDC, Comprehensive Permit Application for 132 Northampton Road**

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Additional Comments received from September 9, 2020 at 10:00AM until September 24, 2020 at 9:45AM:**

1. Anonymous, Comments Submitted via Town Website, Dated September 11, 2020;
2. Anonymous, Comments Submitted via Town Website, Dated September 15, 2020;



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**132 Northampton Road - Comments on 40B Comprehensive Permit Application - Submission #15805**

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**Date Submitted: 9/15/2020**

**Comment Form**

I would like to thank the Zoning Board for their continued attention to the aspects of the 132 Northampton Road proposal that will make it successful.

I write to request that the board make the Resident Service Coordinator position and number of hours a written condition of the development plans. At the August 20th meeting, the ZBA board chair asked for Valley CDC's assurance that they will maintain the proposed 27-30 hours per week for a resident services coordinator position. Valley CDC did give a verbal commitment, saying they would come back to the ZBA if there were changes to that plan.

However, given Valley CDC's shifting answers on so many of the aspects of this development, this really needs to be a written condition. Valley CDC was not forthcoming in the August 20th meeting about the nature of the information discovered in the analysis of publicly available emergency call logs to their properties. While it was true that the call logs showed little evidence of harm to neighbors, those call logs showed substantial problems within their facilities including mental and physical health crises that were not being responded to and instances of harassment and harm to their residents. Valley CDC themselves were not aware of this information and had never undertaken such a review of their own call logs. To their credit, they amended their proposal from ~10-15 hours per week of RSC services to 30 hours per week in light of this information and to better support their development.

Still, Valley CDC has repeatedly reminded the ZBA that they are not required to provide these RSC support services. In the Sept. 10th meeting, Valley CDC noted that the application process for state funds is very competitive. If their proposal is rejected in the first round, what is to stop them from cutting this position to make their application more competitive in the next round? Nothing, unless the ZBA puts it in writing.

Please make the RSC on site hours a written condition of the development. Please define what a "substantive" change in hours would be. E.g. if hours were to dip below 25 per week, that would require a re-hearing before the ZBA with the usual public notifications.

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