

Town Clerk

From: Caitlin Hayes <hayes.caitlin1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Moratorium

Dear Town of Caroline Board Members,

We are property owners in the town of Caroline who live just a quarter-mile up on N. Landon Road, and we would like to write in support of the 180-day moratorium on development in the town of Caroline. We're eager to see the Planning Board's comprehensive plan and feel strongly that any development that's approved by the town board should be aligned and consistent with the desires of Caroline's residents. The comprehensive plan process is the means by which the town can know itself: what it values, how it prioritizes those values, and what goals it concretely aims to pursue. Absent a satisfactory conclusion to the process, the board would essentially be left to make important development decisions in the dark about its constituents' will. Thus, contrary to the suggestion of some, it is quite reasonable for the town to pursue a moratorium on development while the Planning Board completes this process. More, it is unreasonable for would-be developers to attempt to circumvent the collective will of the town by seeking to abridge deliberation about the future of Caroline - a future in which residents have great stake. Of course, all businesses and developers are due proper process and impartial governance. But, the comprehensive plan is expected to lay out a body of principle that can be applied impartially to all. This is hardly contrary to fairness. We, personally, are especially concerned about the preservation of the rural character of Caroline and for the protection of local business owners. Be that as it may, the issue here is about a community being enabled to make decisions about its own future.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,
Caitlin Hayes and Tony Reeves