ZBA,

I bought 105 Fairmont St in 1999 and have experienced an INCREASING variety of water related issues in my cellar over the years.

When we first bought the property we were not in a designated flood zone yet now we are.

Flood insurance is expensive and certainly a deterrent for prospective buyers thus devaluing the neighborhood property values.

In addition to water in the basement that seeps up from below the foundation, we have experienced a consistent increase in the dampness of our basement during the non heating season.

Anecdotally, this has coincided with the extensive Alewife development and most recently a brand new home built on the lot next door to us.

I find it almost unbelievable that building is being considered on this undeveloped land and am strongly opposed to this proposal.

Please deny this and future requests to build on the scarce open land that help absorb water and protect the fragile ecosystem of the Thorndike area.

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