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Hello Montpelier City Council:

Many of you have heard from me several times before, but I'm getting in my message one last time before your meeting this evening. I applaud your efforts to increase density and diversity of housing types and want to insure that  these efforts go hand in hand with ongoing greenspace planning from the Conservation Commission and Parks Commission (of which I'm a member).

The incredible accessibility of greenspace and parks as part of living in Montpelier is a vital part of why people love to live here. In fact, many people from outside of town use our parks. Planning for linked greenspaces, both as natural areas and linked trails are a critical piece of planning for increasing housing density and diversity. Having linked greenspace adds to the value, both of property and quality of life in our community.

I don't know the specifics as what's been considered, so asking if Conservation Overlays have been considered as a tool. The more we clarify to developers, especially for large parcels, the easier it will be for them to move forward with housing development.

Thanks for all your time, I know how much work it has been.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Grodinsky
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