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To Whom this May Concern, Mayor, Town Council.

For years I have watched all of the new developments and housing being built in Rockland and thought it was so excessive. Too much, way too fast.

Rockland is no longer the small affordable town.

All this growth, but still the same number of gas stations, restaurants, grocery stores, banks etc.

Outside of the mass development of cookie cutter houses, nothing else has changed.

We don't need more houses, we like living in a "small" town.

Just like in other cities, massive growth, but at the cost of the already existing residents.

I live in a neighborhood of mostly senior citizens, who rely on their pension to pay for their already increasing grocery bills and utility bills. They are on limited budgets.

NOW, you want to increase our property taxes by just over 8%? This is just not okay.

I can't even tell you how disappointing this is and how angry I am at this crazy idea.

Increasing our water and sewer bill? We have water but we do not have sewers, we are on a septic tank, how is that going be arranged?

We moved out here, to a small rural community years ago, because of the increasing costs and the claustrophobia that came with living in a bigger city. Even with travel costs of going into the city to work, it was still less expensive to live out here. Now we are not so sure.

I encourage you, our elected officials, to think again about this excessive increase to our property taxes. Think about how people are only JUST making ends meet with shrinkflation, and the ever-increasing costs of just living.

Stephanie Lemieux

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