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To: Amber J. Grant; Randy J. Casale; George M. Mansfield; Lee Kyriacou; Terry Nelson; Jodi McCredo
Subject: Main Street is a residential neighborhood
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Dear Council Members and Mayor Casale,

I am writing to express my concern for your notion that an amusement center of any kind can be placed on Main St. without due consideration via a special use permit. I would like to remind you that many, many businesses on Main St. have residences in them and much of the new development on Main St. is residential. The initial reason the former arcade on Main was removed was due to noise affecting adjoining businesses and disruption of residents. Not all residents are away during business hours- some work at home and some are shift workers. Main Street is a peaceful place for the most part, but as more and more people begin to live here, paying high rents to do so, it's important to remember that amusement halls that attract unsupervised minors or have a noise component should only be allowed to open after review and by special use permit. Otherwise, there will be problems after the fact around noise complaints and loitering. Do we really need to waste police resources on complaints or create an antagonistic atmosphere for neighbors? I've lived in close proximity to establishments such as pool halls and arcades in other cities and based on that experience, I believe that amusement centers on Main St. should be carefully vetted through a special use permit. And despite the suggestion that kids need something to do in Beacon, that's not a justifiable reason to have a business that's potentially disruptive to residents living on Main. Residents should be able to enjoy the peaceful use of their homes. I'm not opposed to such an establishment in general- in fact, I would love to see a pool hall somewhere in the city. But I really think it's important to review the impact on adjoining buildings before such an establishment is permitted to open.

I urge you to reconsider the requirement for a special use permit for amusement centers on Main St.

Many thanks,

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