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First Selectman Vicki Tesoro Proposes Moratorium on Future Multi-Family Rental Apartments

January 4, 2019 - - On January 16, 2019, the Trumbull Planning and Zoning Commission will consider a text amendment, proposed by First Selectman Vicki Tesoro, to impose a moratorium on multi-family rental apartments for a two-year period. The moratorium is intended to allow the Town and the Planning and Zoning Commission an opportunity to absorb and study the impact of several developments approved under zoning regulation changes made during the previous administration. This proposal is being made this month due to the lack of any active applications for multi-family rental apartments before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

“Since October of 2018, we have conducted legal and planning research to guide us in the development of this moratorium policy. The language is currently under review by MetroCOG, which is the regional planning organization for towns in this area,” stated Town Planner Rob Librandi. The moratorium will not interrupt any developments that are already zoned, approved or currently under land use consideration, such as a development at the mall. It is intended to halt any future multi-family rental developments for the two-year period.

Tesoro states, “Since taking office, my administration has worked diligently to lessen the impact of multi-family developments on the character of the town. We have limited the apartment developments to one- and two-bedroom units with no dens permitted. We have worked with developers to greatly reduce the number of units being proposed in each development. We have worked to make safety improvements and to create significant buffers around the developments.”

Significant research was completed prior to this moratorium proposal. If the proposal passes, any additional multi-family rental development will be halted for a two-year period. The 202 units on Oakview Drive were approved in June 2017, prior to Tesoro’s election. These rental units will be the first to open and will be used to assess the impact of the development during this two-year moratorium period.

The January 16, 2019 meeting is open to the public. Residents wishing to address the moratorium can provide testimony during the public hearing that evening or by email to RLibrandi@trumbull-ct.gov in advance.