

From:

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To:

✉ HallsRoad Committee

This email is to applaud the Committee for their thoughtful ideas, and visual sketches on Halls Road improvements to the village of Old Lyme. As an elderly resident, I have long yearned for our town to have an area where one could walk downtown safely, window shop, and join a friend for coffee. It is even more important now that many of us feel so isolated from the world as we knew it. It would be wonderful if entrepreneurs could bring back a book store, a coffee shop, as well as draw The Bowerbird all into an attractive small shopping center. The idea of some mixed use commercial and light residential housing couldn't be more appealing at this point in Old Lyme's history. It certainly would help to lower the increasingly prohibitive property taxes. I especially like the little bridge as a way of providing a pedestrian walkway. As it is now, you come, park your car, hope to find a parking space at the Big Y, and go home. I remember with great nostalgia when the Post Office was on Lyme Street and you would chat with your neighbors, go across the street to Woodie Griswold's market where he or Clara would have saved you a box of their local strawberries.

A modern version of this is just what Old Lyme needs. I wish you well and earnestly hope this project comes to fruition.

Sincerely,

Alison C. Mitchell