

613 Aquidneck Ave  
06/25/2024

Planning Board  
TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN RI  
To whom it may concern :

My name is Frank Freitas. I own the 4 residences on Newman Road . Myself and my 4 tenants share Newman Road with Donovan and Sons and as the only residents of Newman Road stand to be most affected by the Donovan and Sons petition.

Since Donovan and Sons has moved in to 613 Aquidneck Ave his business has steadily grown having as many as several dozen vehicles at one time with assorted supplies and equipment in the parking lot. Sometimes it gets congested on Newman Road with large delivery trucks disrupting traffic flow and many times turning around in my driveways that I share with 4 other long term Middletown residents and senior citizens.

For the most part Donovan and Sons have been what I would consider a good neighbor with the exception of the dead and dying arborvitae that was supposed to screen the commercial activity from the 4 residences on Newman Road. To be fair the arborvitae was killed by National Grid gas leak and Donovan and Sons has tried to replace shrubs into the poisoned dirt to no avail . For the past 8 years the five residents of Newman Road can not miss seeing sickly, half dead shrubs when leaving and returning home . It's ugly, depressing and negatively impacts the resale and/or rental value of my property and does nothing to screen intensive commercial activity or to baffle the sounds that echo off the asphalt and building as was the intended purpose and agreed upon when zoning change was granted by the town council. Years ago I was given assurances that the situation would be addressed but nothing happens.

I support the requested zone change for Donovan and Sons . I believe it will help to relieve occasional traffic congestion with better traffic flow as well as provide much needed parking and storage. The non conforming use already exists and granting this accommodation makes it better for all.

Thank you for your consideration .

Frank Freitas / 18, 20 ,22 and 28 Newman Road

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VIEW FROM  
18 NEWMAN ROAD  
DRIVEWAY



VIEW FROM DONOVAN & SONS  
REAR PARKING LOT

