

11 Good Hill

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Good morning all,

I'm writing this email to voice concern about Putnam Landscaping and what it's turned into.

We moved into 11 Good Hill in Nov of 2019, and when we did, Deb was running the nursery. My wife and three daughters would wander over there from time to time, buying flowers and getting a tour of Deb's greenhouse--Deb loved talking to the kids about which flowers bloom during which season, and how they could plant different flowers at the house and maybe have a greenhouse like hers one day--they loved it there.

Since Putnam has taken over, the entire landscape of the neighborhood has changed from a normal Weston environment, into a full on commercial enterprise. The trucks start going early, and they don't stop throughout the day. There is either a leaf blower, or some kind of machine loudly humming non stop. there was a point in time where the employees would stay late on a friday and have a beer bash. singing loudly, breaking bottles, and causing all kinds of noise well past 10pm.

i had to complain to the owners several times before something finally changed and it stopped. Me complaining the first couple of times did nothing--i was even told that the guys stay late to "blow off steam", as if I should have some empathy and realize that I moved into a neighborhood with a commercial landscaping property that moonlit as a bar. Imagine that. There's literal glass bottles being smashed and grown men carrying on in your neighborhood, clearly getting drunk and then driving into the dark night, where your children live and play, and you're told to get over it.

my middle child used to leave her bike at the end of our driveway every morning when she would take the bus; and when she got off the bus, the bike would always be there, waiting.

not two months after putnam took over, that bike mysteriously disappeared. quite the coincidence that she could leave it unattended for years, but 2 months after putnam moved in, it's gone.

there are DOZENS of trucks blocking traffic, parking on the side of good hill, or left running throughout the day. the fumes dumping into our neighborhood is certainly not what we expected when we moved in.

if you try and go to the nursery to buy flowers, good luck. nobody is there, there are no flowers to peruse, and nobody is there to welcome you. this is not a nursery, this is a way station for a larger landscaping operation.

we implore you to look at the actual spirit of the zoning meant to give the exception at putnam. nobody in their right mind would have allowed this monstrosity to be up and running in weston, ct. i'm sorry but there are plenty of towns surrounding us that they could move their operations to--weston is not built for this.

thank you

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