

## Lucy St. John

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**From:** Patricia Denny <pdennygoodlin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2016 8:44 AM  
**To:** Lucy St. John  
**Subject:** Concern About Proposed Location of Alpaca Manure Composting Area

Good morning Lucy,

Since the June 21st site walk, I've been thinking quite a bit about the site the owners indicated for composting the manure, that is, a small grove of trees on the front of the property readily visible from Sutton Road. And in reading the draft of the minutes from that site walk, I see you've noted the suggestion that was made to relocate it.

Every time I drive by the property, I question that location, not just in terms of our property (with bedroom windows open on the down wind side of that location), but also in terms of the home on the opposite side of the property (with the sale pending sign and, like ours, sited right next to the road) which, on hot and *breeze less* summer days, will surely be adversely effected by the odor.

The owners' May 31st letter to the Planning Board states: "*#7. Alpacas produce pelletized manure which is stored in small compost piles next to the barn area and away from abutters.*" However, the location for composting the manure indicated on the site walk is not next to the barn and would have, in my opinion, a potentially adverse effect, in terms of odor, on the two abutting houses closest to the property in question.

I would suggest again that an alternative location for manure composting be found next to the barn and/or closer to the grazing area at the back of the property with the concerns I believe all abutters have (whether up wind or down wind) regarding potential odor taken into account.

PS: And just to underscore a significant and important characteristic of the neighborhood to be safeguarded - its function as a "wildlife corridor" - at dusk last night we had a bobcat walk silently and purposefully up the stone wall (as if it was its normal nocturnal highway!) right next to our house, which is the uphill boundary between our property and the property in question.

Thank you,  
Patricia Goodlin  
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