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Cc: Joanne Pescatore <joannepescatore@gmail.com>; riawalker@gmail.com Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pickleball Expansion at Aspetuck Valley Country Club

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Dear Richelle and Weston Zoning Board,

I am writing to express our concern regarding the excessive noise emanating from the pickleball courts at Aspetuck Valley Country Club and our objection to its planned expansion of such courts. Over the past several months, the noise from these courts has become unbearable for my family and me. With the club now seeking to add even more courts and move them even closer to our home and the road, I must strongly request that the application for a variance be denied.

There are numerous days when play begins as early as 6:30 a.m. and continues until 8:45 p.m. The persistent and disruptive "pop, pop" of the ball hitting paddles and the ground has made it nearly impossible to enjoy our own property, particularly our outdoor spaces. The noise is constant and intrusive, significantly diminishing our quality of life.

While I understand the popularity of pickleball and the club's desire to offer recreational activities to its members, it is critical that these pursuits do not come at the expense of the surrounding community's peace and well-being.

Solutions to the existing courts, such as installing effective sound barriers or relocating the courts further from residential areas must be seriously considered. These measures would go a long way toward alleviating the noise disturbance and ensuring that both club members and nearby residents can enjoy their environments without conflict.

However, the addition of new courts at the expense of zoning regulations which neighbors rely upon, should not be considered.

I urge you to take this matter seriously and act swiftly to the request for a variance.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue.

Sincerely,

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