

Correspondence received by the Concord Select
Board
Week Ending – October 13, 2025

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Dear Select Board,

In reading the minutes for the Select Board meeting of September 8, 2025, I find the following as part of the discussion of a possible real estate transfer fee:

"Mr. McKennitt further clarified that there have not been any additional new single-family homes added to the Town of Concord inventory since 2005, with all growth in housing inventory coming from condos and apartments."

This statement is inaccurate. As one example, I live on a street where four new homes have been built in the last few years. Perhaps Mr. McKennitt meant that no affordable single-family homes have been built, but if so, I point out that a new affordable single-family home has been completed at 367 Commonwealth Ave. in the last couple of years. I don't know whether the statement was inaccurate or the minutes reflect the discussion inaccurately, but regardless, I write to correct the mistaken information.

As a side note, I thank the Select Board for its majority vote to approve another attempt at implementing a real estate transfer fee. I hope it works this time.

On a separate topic, I noticed in other minutes that the Concord250 Committee may have dropped its plan to blight Parcel 1693 with an extremely ill-conceived, oversized, poorly designed memorial construction. If so, I am very relieved to hear it. How about two or three picnic tables (one of them fully ADA-compliant) near the street, plus a small marker added to the existing collection at the south end of the parcel? This would be useful to residents, employees and visitors, would preserve valuable green space in the heart of town, and wouldn't contribute to a memorializing "arms race" when we reach the 400th anniversary of Concord's founding. Any monument to Revolutionary War soldiers, of course, belongs on the central island of Monument Square itself.

Sincerely,
Sue Felshin
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