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Three Church Street homeowners complained to you about the engineering challenges related to building a sidewalk between Tracy Hall and Carpenter Street at your January 27 meeting. Town Manager Neil Fulton said, "I have no interest in proceeding with the project if the people on Church Street don't want it."

Please take note that there other stakeholders in this project beyond the six homeowners on Church Street you need to sign-off on a construction easement. Contrary to what you were told by one of them, this isn't "a sidewalk to nowhere."

This project was initiated in 2006 when the selectboard was presented with a petition that highlighted the danger to pedestrians on Church Street. More than 100 residents signed the document. The Safe Routes to School project that stemmed from that petition was endorsed by school officials and Chief Doug Robinson. There are now more children in the neighborhood than when work on the project began, yet the safety concerns are the same as 2006.

Please consider the needs and opinions of the wider community before taking action to cancel the Safe Route to School Project.