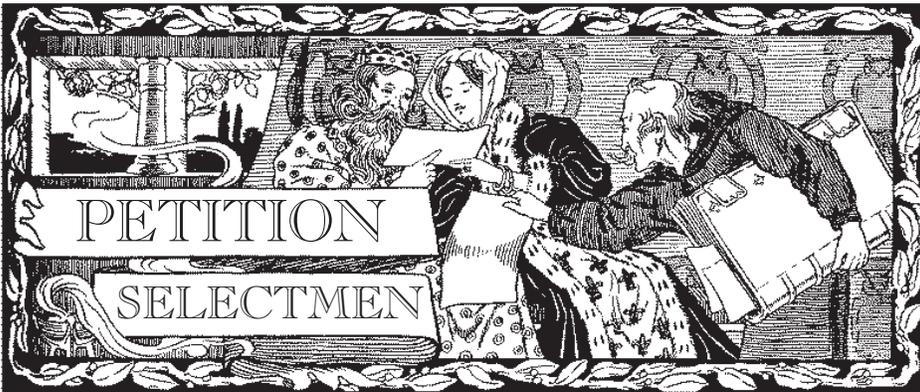




If you want a lawn sign, Stafford First will bring you one. All you have to do is **call Pat Greika, at 684-2313** and it will be delivered to your home promptly. In return, you have to promise to put it up, and any donation you can afford (\$5.00 suggested, more welcome) would be appreciated, but is not required.

Lots of people have had their lawn signs stolen, either by sneaky Wal-Mart elves, or by people who want one of their own so badly that they had to take one from someone cool enough to already have one. They must not have known we'd deliver one to them too!

To keep your sign from being stolen, we suggest putting it in plain view, but not right on the street, so that someone has to really trespass to take it. We also suggest mounting signs securely, such as on mailbox poles, trees, or other immovable objects. Some people have even put them up high and backed them with plywood. Foiling the Wal-Mart elves should be fun.



On the next page, You'll find a petition you can photocopy. Please sign it, have your family sign it, and then make everyone you know sign it.

(Ok, you can ask nicely if you want.)

The petition is important because it lets the Selectmen know how many of us there are who oppose Wal-Mart, and it helps us build our list of contacts. If people don't wish to be contacted by Stafford First, have them leave off their phone and e-mail, but we need to build a big list of supporters, so tell them it's important.

Return the filled out petitions by August 20 to:

Stafford First
P.O. Box 23
Stafford, CT 06075

Or you can give completed petitions to any coordinating committee member.

ACTION PAK - LAWN SIGN AND PETITION

Letters to the Editor are important because they keep our issues and ideas in the limelight and they can help to educate the public, influence public opinion and the opinions of elected and appointed officials. You should write one. You could even write three... If you need help writing a letter you can contact Stacey Dolbier, Stafford First's Letters chair at Dolbs@cox.net. The next few pages are some sample letters you can plagiarize at will, but please change some of the details because the sample letters have already been published—in other words, you should add your own personal touch. Please make sure you send copies of your letters to Stacey at Dolbs@cox.net because she is keeping a file of all the letters sent on our behalf. You should always provide your address and phone number in your letter. Don't say you are a part of Stafford First or you are writing on behalf of Stafford First unless the coordinating committee has approved your letter.

You can write a general letter, like the first sample, covering many issues, or you can write a letter on a single issue, like the other samples. You can get ideas and facts for letters from the *talking back*, *fact sheets* and *too much information* sections of this handout. Your letter can be calm and rational like the first, or more snappy like the second, or even show a sense of humor, just make sure to be brief, polite, direct and on point.

The three local papers we are targeting are:

The Journal Inquirer

To the Editor
The Journal Inquirer
PO BOX 510
Manchester, CT 06045-0510
letters@journalinquirer.com

The North Central News

To The Editor
North Central News
PO BOX 427
Somers, CT 06071
(860) 698-9328

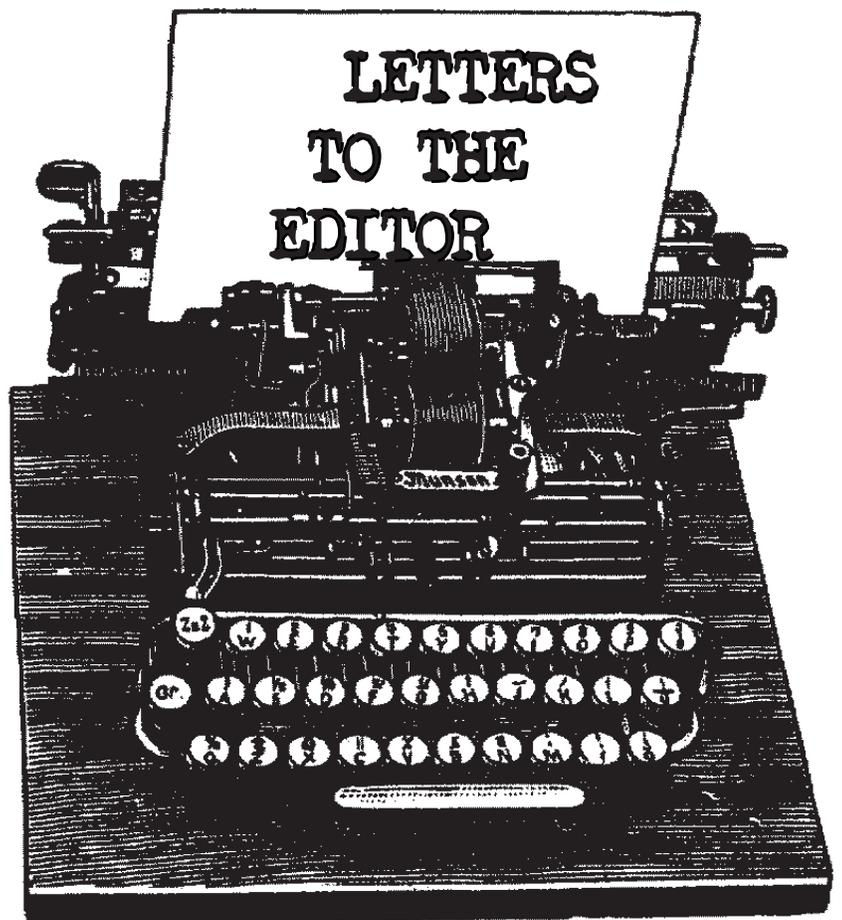
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The Reminder

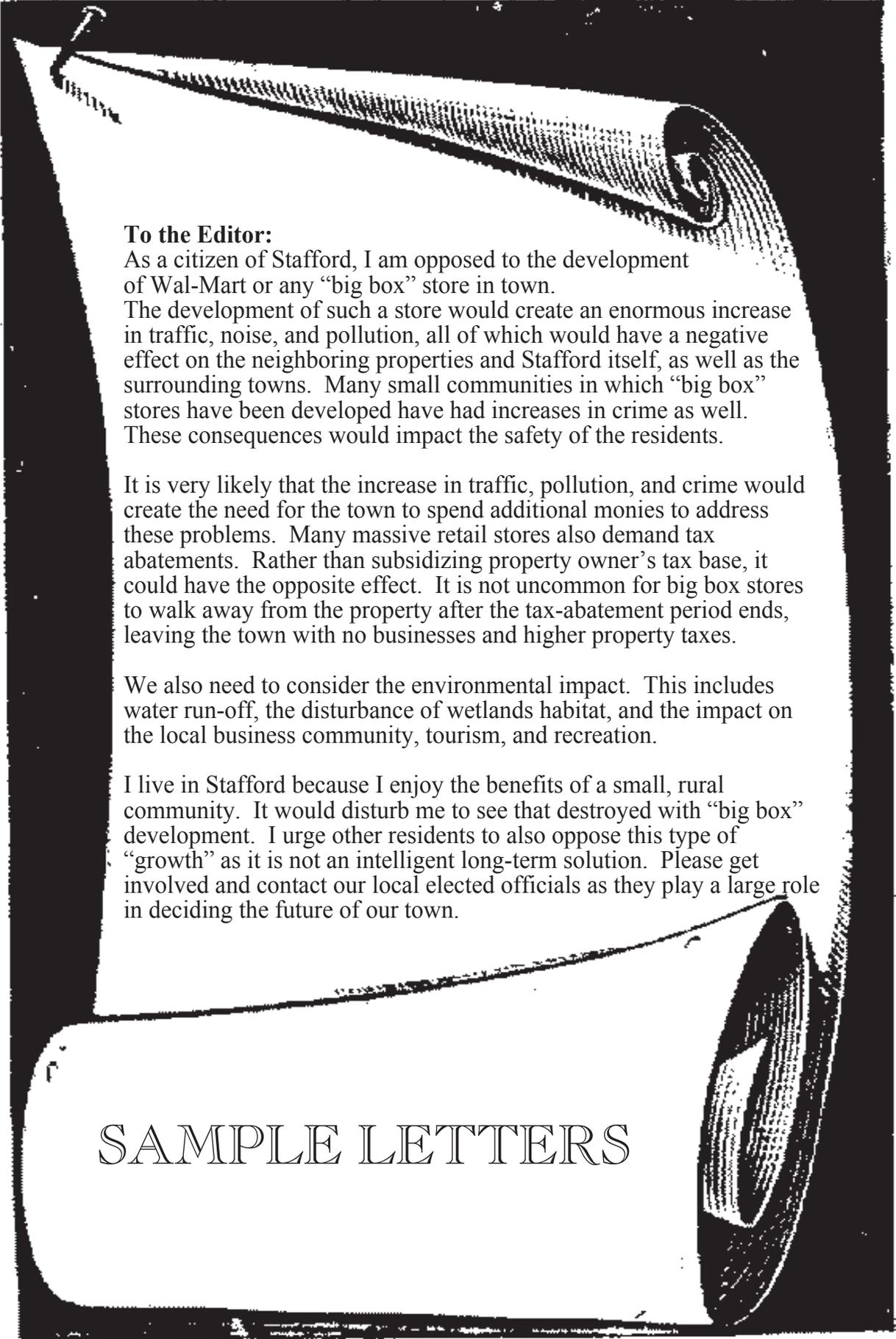
To the Editor
Reminder Community Newspapers
Box 210
Vernon, CT 06066
<http://www.remindernewspapers.com>

You may submit a "Speak Out" at
(860) 870-3055

http://www.remindernewspapers.com/Speakout/speak_out.htm



ACTION PAK - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor:

As a citizen of Stafford, I am opposed to the development of Wal-Mart or any "big box" store in town.

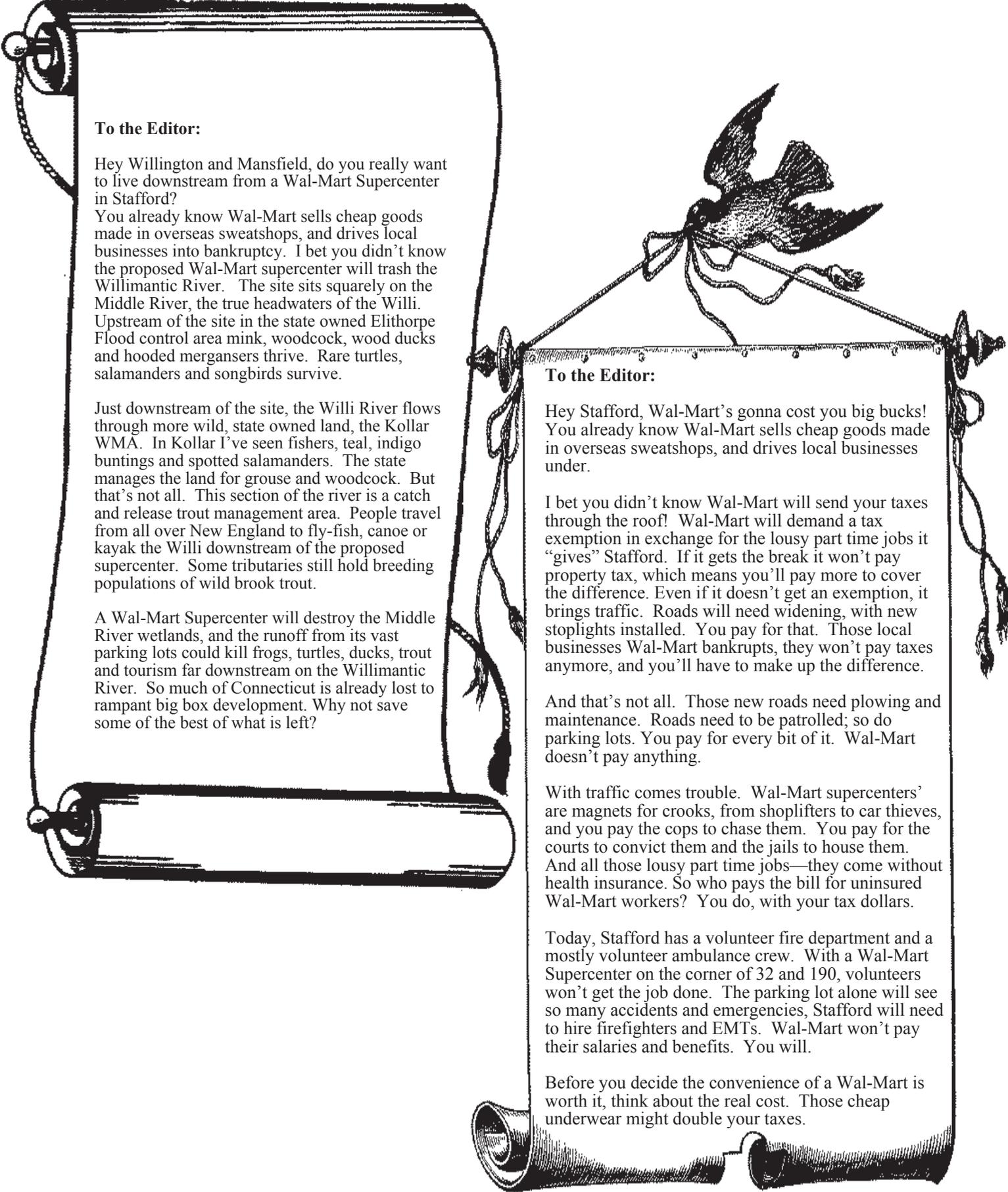
The development of such a store would create an enormous increase in traffic, noise, and pollution, all of which would have a negative effect on the neighboring properties and Stafford itself, as well as the surrounding towns. Many small communities in which "big box" stores have been developed have had increases in crime as well. These consequences would impact the safety of the residents.

It is very likely that the increase in traffic, pollution, and crime would create the need for the town to spend additional monies to address these problems. Many massive retail stores also demand tax abatements. Rather than subsidizing property owner's tax base, it could have the opposite effect. It is not uncommon for big box stores to walk away from the property after the tax-abatement period ends, leaving the town with no businesses and higher property taxes.

We also need to consider the environmental impact. This includes water run-off, the disturbance of wetlands habitat, and the impact on the local business community, tourism, and recreation.

I live in Stafford because I enjoy the benefits of a small, rural community. It would disturb me to see that destroyed with "big box" development. I urge other residents to also oppose this type of "growth" as it is not an intelligent long-term solution. Please get involved and contact our local elected officials as they play a large role in deciding the future of our town.

SAMPLE LETTERS



To the Editor:

Hey Willington and Mansfield, do you really want to live downstream from a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Stafford?

You already know Wal-Mart sells cheap goods made in overseas sweatshops, and drives local businesses into bankruptcy. I bet you didn't know the proposed Wal-Mart supercenter will trash the Willimantic River. The site sits squarely on the Middle River, the true headwaters of the Willi. Upstream of the site in the state owned Elithorpe Flood control area mink, woodcock, wood ducks and hooded mergansers thrive. Rare turtles, salamanders and songbirds survive.

Just downstream of the site, the Willi River flows through more wild, state owned land, the Kollar WMA. In Kollar I've seen fishers, teal, indigo buntings and spotted salamanders. The state manages the land for grouse and woodcock. But that's not all. This section of the river is a catch and release trout management area. People travel from all over New England to fly-fish, canoe or kayak the Willi downstream of the proposed supercenter. Some tributaries still hold breeding populations of wild brook trout.

A Wal-Mart Supercenter will destroy the Middle River wetlands, and the runoff from its vast parking lots could kill frogs, turtles, ducks, trout and tourism far downstream on the Willimantic River. So much of Connecticut is already lost to rampant big box development. Why not save some of the best of what is left?

To the Editor:

Hey Stafford, Wal-Mart's gonna cost you big bucks! You already know Wal-Mart sells cheap goods made in overseas sweatshops, and drives local businesses under.

I bet you didn't know Wal-Mart will send your taxes through the roof! Wal-Mart will demand a tax exemption in exchange for the lousy part time jobs it "gives" Stafford. If it gets the break it won't pay property tax, which means you'll pay more to cover the difference. Even if it doesn't get an exemption, it brings traffic. Roads will need widening, with new stoplights installed. You pay for that. Those local businesses Wal-Mart bankrupts, they won't pay taxes anymore, and you'll have to make up the difference.

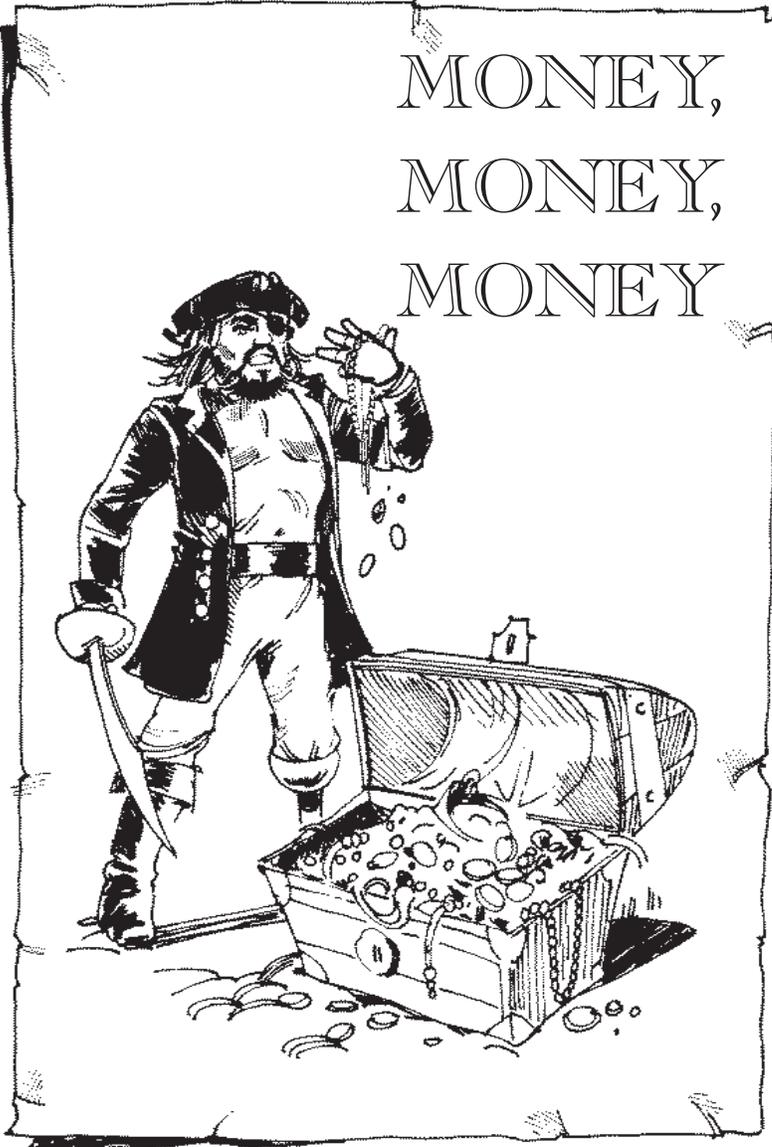
And that's not all. Those new roads need plowing and maintenance. Roads need to be patrolled; so do parking lots. You pay for every bit of it. Wal-Mart doesn't pay anything.

With traffic comes trouble. Wal-Mart supercenters' are magnets for crooks, from shoplifters to car thieves, and you pay the cops to chase them. You pay for the courts to convict them and the jails to house them. And all those lousy part time jobs—they come without health insurance. So who pays the bill for uninsured Wal-Mart workers? You do, with your tax dollars.

Today, Stafford has a volunteer fire department and a mostly volunteer ambulance crew. With a Wal-Mart Supercenter on the corner of 32 and 190, volunteers won't get the job done. The parking lot alone will see so many accidents and emergencies, Stafford will need to hire firefighters and EMTs. Wal-Mart won't pay their salaries and benefits. You will.

Before you decide the convenience of a Wal-Mart is worth it, think about the real cost. Those cheap underwear might double your taxes.

MONEY,
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MONEY



Stafford First needs money. In fact, we need your money. Wal-Mart will think nothing of spending millions to get what it wants. We can't expect to beat the largest corporation in the world and the richest family in America without money. So, we planned a tight budget and we do as much as possible with volunteer work. None of our members are paid. We think that if we raise \$32,000 we'll have a chance to beat them. As of July 25, we had raised \$4100, so that leaves \$27,900 to go. Please consider writing us a check today, if you haven't already. We understand everyone has a limited ability to give, but try to find an amount that fits your budget. You can send your check to:

**Stafford First
P.O. Box 23
Stafford, CT 06075**

Unfortunately that's not all we need. We need the support of local businesses, especially those who might be driven under by Wal-Mart, or the proliferation of chain

restaurants and mall style stores it brings in its wake. If you know a local business person well, or are a well known and liked customer, please consider approaching them and asking for a larger (\$100 - \$1000) donation. On the next page is a flyer you can photocopy and use to solicit money from local businesses.

BEFORE you contact a business please clear it with Gary Fisher at 684-2297, to make sure someone else hasn't already approached that business.

If you are a member of any local progressive, environmental, feminist, church, union or conservation, or other group you think might support us, feel free to solicit them as well.

BEFORE you contact one of the above organizations please talk to Neal Cunningham at 684-4856, to make sure someone hasn't already approached that group.

Please suggest any other groups you can think of with whom we may want to connect to help promote smart growth, fight Big Box Development and build a sustainable society. Contact Neal Cunningham at the above number.

ACTION PAK - MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Here are some of the lies you may hear in favor of Wal-Mart, and some easy ways to refute them. If you don't trust us, you can fact check using the websites listed in **TOO MUCH INFORMATION**.

Lie #1 Wal-Mart will lower your taxes

The Truth: Both State and Local expenses increase when Wal-Mart moves to town. Roads need widening, new street lights must be installed, more police, firefighters and EMT's must be hired. Wal-Mart won't pay for any of this—ask any police department in a town with a Wal-Mart. Through Konover, Wal-Mart's front company, they are already asking the town to pay for some of the studies necessary for the development. They'll probably ask for a property tax exemption in exchange for moving all those valuable low paying part time jobs into town. This is just corporate welfare. Even if Wal-Mart does pay property tax, it won't cover the losses to the tax rolls from the businesses it drives under. Finally, because most Wal-Mart employees can't afford health insurance, you have to pay for their insurance with your tax dollars.



Lie #2 Wal-Mart will bring many valuable jobs to Stafford

The Truth: Most Wal-Mart jobs are part time, paying poverty wages with lousy if any benefits. Although a Wal-Mart super-center does employ a lot of people, they usually put even more people out of work by forcing local business under. The jobs at local businesses often pay more and provide better benefits. Wal-Mart usually creates a net job loss and a net income decrease in a community.

Lie #3 Wal-Mart is generous and gives lots of money to the community

The Truth: According to Wal-Mart's own website, the company made charitable donations of only 170 million in 2004. Their total sales were 285.2 billion over the same period. That makes their gift only six one hundredths (0.06%) of a percent of their total sales. That's like someone with a gross annual income of 45,000 giving only 27 dollars a year to charity. The Waltons, who own Wal-Mart, are the richest family in America. They are worth some 98 billion dollars and have given only one percent of that immense loot to charities. Compare that to Bill and Melinda Gates, America's next richest family. The Gates have given 28 billion dollars—nearly 58% of their net worth of 48 billion.

Lie #4 Wal-Mart is convenient

The Truth: In a way, this might be true—if they build a Wal-Mart in Stafford you won't have to drive to any of the other 8 Wal-Marts currently located within 20 miles of Stafford. But you will have to put up with increased traffic not just when you want to shop there, but at other times, too, like when you're coming home from work, or trying to get to the beach on a Saturday morning. Increased crime is inconvenient, especially if it's your car that gets stolen in the parking lot or your house that gets burglarized while you're out buying sweatshop goods at Wal-Mart. It also won't be so convenient if you or anyone in your family loses your job or business because of Wal-Mart.

ACTION PAK - TALKING BACK TO WAL-MART SUPPORTERS

Lie # 5 Wal-Mart is good for America

The Truth: Much of what Wal-Mart sells is made in overseas sweatshops, in places like China. Many manufacturers would prefer to keep operations here, but Wal-Mart has so much buying power that it exerts pressure to lower prices impossibly, forcing companies to move overseas, costing jobs throughout the country. While Wal-Mart forces prices down, it also lowers Americas average wage, to a greater degree than it lowers prices. In other words, even though you might be paying less, overall Americans have less money to pay with.

Lie # 6 Wal-Mart jobs are good for children and the elderly

The Truth: Wal-Mart has been cited for many child labor violations, including denying breaks, forced overtime and forced use of dangerous machinery. The elderly face the same degrading work, low pay, lousy benefits and unsafe conditions. Wal-Mart seeks elderly and child workers because they are less likely to fight for fair wages and benefits—because they may not have families to support. But the Elderly often have high health care expenses, which are not paid by Wal-Mart, and younger workers may be trying to save for College. That's tough at \$8.00 per hour. Elderly workers have also been forced to work unpaid overtime. Why should our children and elders have to suffer the worst jobs our community has to offer?

Lie # 7 Wal-Mart will give the rest of the land to the Town for a park

The Truth: Through Konover, Wal-Mart has offered to sell the rest of the land to the Town for an industrial park. No trails, no trees, just more pollution along the Middle and Willimantic Rivers.

Lie # 8 It is just one store. It is not that big a deal.

The Truth: This is one huge store, completely out of proportion with the small downtown of Stafford. Wal-Mart is well known for ruining the downtown areas of small towns across America by putting local businesses under. There is no reason to think it would be any different in Stafford. Any store that is open 24/7 would have a huge impact on Stafford. This “one store” is an outpost of the world’s largest and greediest corporation that uses people and communities as resources to be used up, then discarded. For it or against it, accept that it **IS** a big deal and completely outside any kind of local control.

Lie # 9 There will be a referendum or public vote so the citizens can decide

The Truth: There will not be a referendum or vote. No process for a referendum or public vote on an issue like this exists in town or state laws or regulations. Wal-Mart needs approval only from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission. The fate of this project (and our town) will be decided by a handful of public officials.

Lie # 10 The site is already zoned “commercial”

The Truth: Only a narrow strip along Route 190 is zoned “commercial.” The vast majority of the acreage is zoned residential.



ACTION PAK - TALKING BACK TO WAL-MART SUPPORTERS

TALKING POINTS - WHY NOT A WAL-MART SUPERCENTER IN STAFFORD?

Sensitive wetlands along the Middle River will be destroyed. The Middle River is the headwaters of the Willimantic River; what starts upstream ends up downstream.

A huge area to be paved for parking. This plan is way out of scale with the size of Stafford, and will lead to problems with run-off and environmental degradation.

More big box development. Wal-Mart will be closely followed by other chain businesses resulting in uglification, sprawl and a general demise of the character of the town.

150,000 square feet of retail space added at one stroke. Many existing town businesses will be put out of business.

Increased traffic congestion and increased crime. Taxpayers foot the bill for the required infrastructure to ameliorate these problems.

Noise and light pollution. Supercenters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The quiet and bright stars of nighttime will be blotted out.

Lack of concern for the local community. Despite its current greenwash campaign, Wal-Mart makes decisions based on its bottom line, not community concerns, and gives next to nothing back on either a local or national level. It generally costs communities much more than it brings in: decreasing the tax base as other businesses go under, while increasing costs to taxpayers for services and infrastructure.

Low wages, lack of affordable healthcare. Again, taxpayers foot the bill for health insurance and other support services low wage earners rely on.

Sweatshops. Wal-Mart is the largest retailer in the world and sources a higher percentage of its goods from sweatshops than does any other large retailer.

Union Busting. Wal-Mart has closed every department and store in the United States and Canada where workers have unionized.

Discrimination. Over one and a half million current and former female employees are being represented in a class action suit alleging Wal-Mart created a system that frequently pays its female workers less than their male counterparts for comparable jobs and bypasses women for key promotions.

Child labor. The CT Department of Labor has fined three Wal-Mart stores - in Hartford, Putnam and Norwalk - for 11 violations of state child labor laws between February 2003 and February 2005. Apparently the small payment of \$135,540 that Wal-Mart agreed to in January to settle previous charges of federal child labor violations in Connecticut, Arkansas and New Hampshire did not dissuade them from continuing to violate the law.





Local Character and Prosperity: In an increasingly homogenized world, communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character have an economic advantage.

Community Well-Being: Locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.

Local Decision-Making: Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.

Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy: Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.

Job and Wages: Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits than chains do.

Entrepreneurship: Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.

Public Benefits and Costs: Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

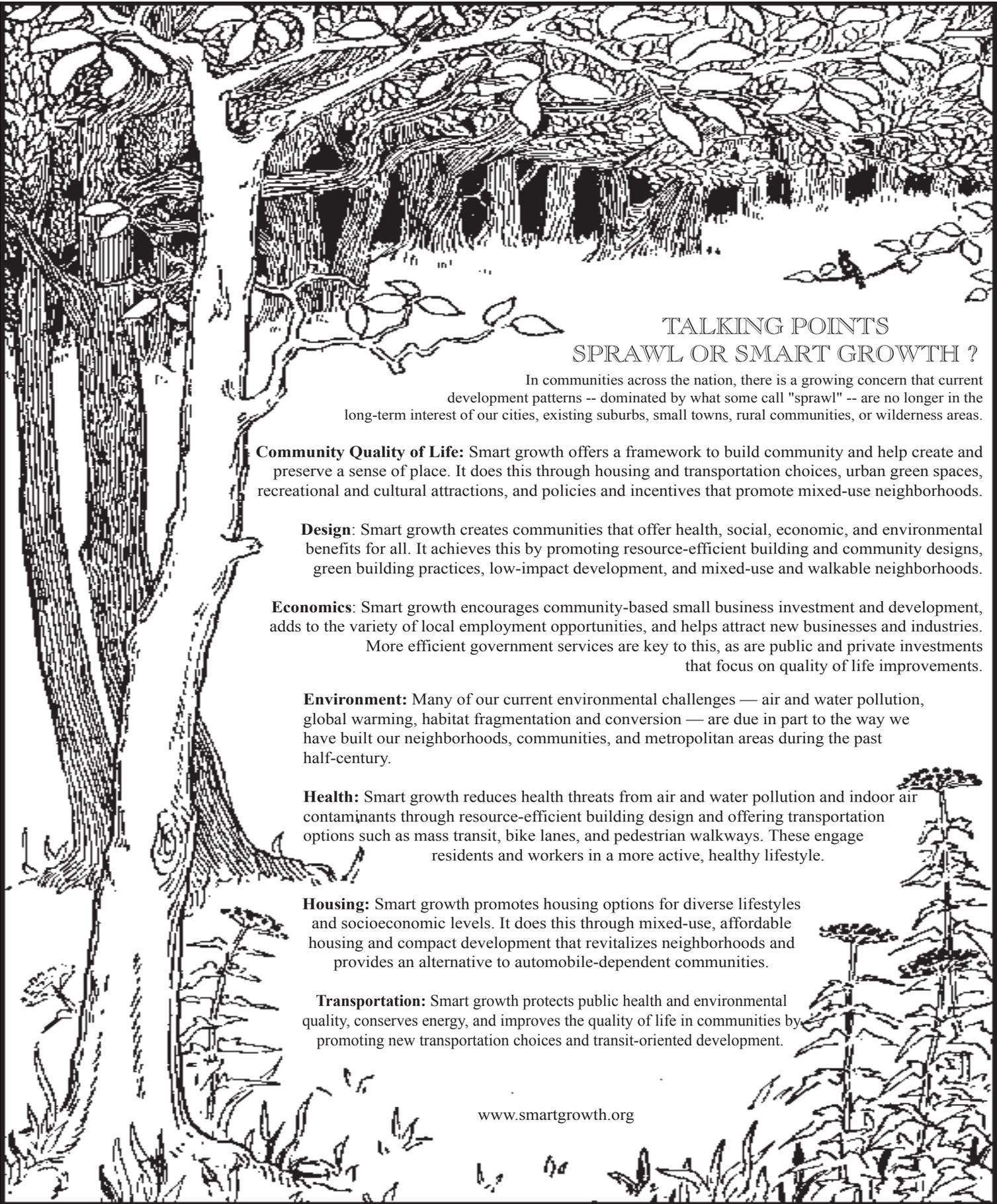
Environmental Sustainability: Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers-which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

Competition: A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.

Product Diversity: A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

<http://www.newrules.org/retail/local.html>

ACTION PAK - TALKING POINTS



TALKING POINTS SPRAWL OR SMART GROWTH ?

In communities across the nation, there is a growing concern that current development patterns -- dominated by what some call "sprawl" -- are no longer in the long-term interest of our cities, existing suburbs, small towns, rural communities, or wilderness areas.

Community Quality of Life: Smart growth offers a framework to build community and help create and preserve a sense of place. It does this through housing and transportation choices, urban green spaces, recreational and cultural attractions, and policies and incentives that promote mixed-use neighborhoods.

Design: Smart growth creates communities that offer health, social, economic, and environmental benefits for all. It achieves this by promoting resource-efficient building and community designs, green building practices, low-impact development, and mixed-use and walkable neighborhoods.

Economics: Smart growth encourages community-based small business investment and development, adds to the variety of local employment opportunities, and helps attract new businesses and industries. More efficient government services are key to this, as are public and private investments that focus on quality of life improvements.

Environment: Many of our current environmental challenges — air and water pollution, global warming, habitat fragmentation and conversion — are due in part to the way we have built our neighborhoods, communities, and metropolitan areas during the past half-century.

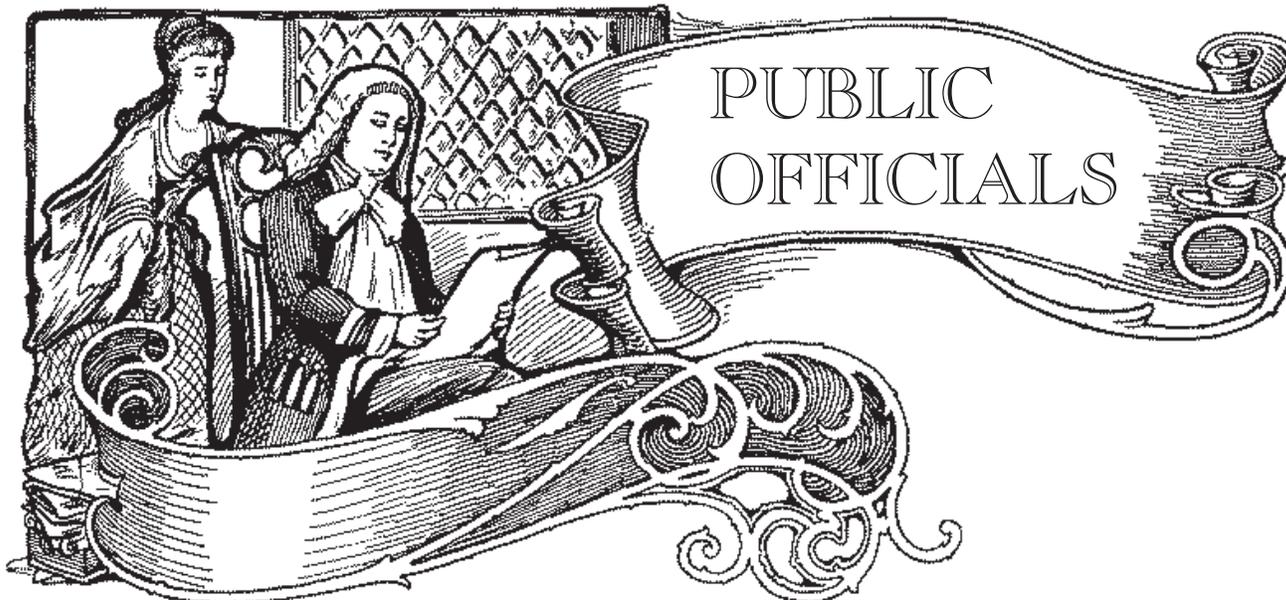
Health: Smart growth reduces health threats from air and water pollution and indoor air contaminants through resource-efficient building design and offering transportation options such as mass transit, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways. These engage residents and workers in a more active, healthy lifestyle.

Housing: Smart growth promotes housing options for diverse lifestyles and socioeconomic levels. It does this through mixed-use, affordable housing and compact development that revitalizes neighborhoods and provides an alternative to automobile-dependent communities.

Transportation: Smart growth protects public health and environmental quality, conserves energy, and improves the quality of life in communities by promoting new transportation choices and transit-oriented development.

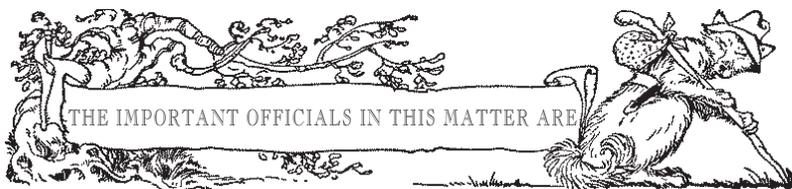
www.smartgrowth.org

ACTION PAK - TALKING POINTS



Your public officials are important, and you should write to them, call them and otherwise encourage them to oppose Wal-Mart. Use the same style you would for a letter to the editor, except that you can write longer letters if you want. Remind them that you are a registered voter in Stafford and you expect them to get back to you in writing. Feel free to write to any or all of them. **If you write, please be polite—we want them on our side after all.** If you know any of them personally, try to talk to them by phone or in person. Please send copies letters to public officials to Stacey Dolbier at Dolbs@cox.net.

You can contact the selectmen anytime. **Please do not contact the members of the PZC or the IWC after a proposal has been filed.** Before a filing is OK. If you are unsure, check with Arlene Avery at arlenefavery@hotmail.com. Please do not say that you are representing Stafford First unless you have been authorized by the coordinating committee.



BOARD of SELECTMEN

Gordon Frassinelli, Jr. – 83 Willington Ave. – 684-4126
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ACTION PAK - PUBLIC OFFICIALS



Public Meetings are important. You can attend and speak at all of Stafford's Public Meetings. They are a good way to keep informed about what is happening with Wal-Mart and your presence helps to hold public officials accountable, especially if you talk about all the things wrong with Wal-Mart during the period for public comment.

The **Board of Selectmen** meets the second Thursday of each month at the Town Hall, at 7:00 PM.

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

The **Inland Wetlands Commission** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

You can double-check the meeting schedule at www.staffordct.org.

Stafford First: Citizens for Responsible Growth wants you at our meetings. You are invited to these meetings to hear updates on the Wal-Mart fight, contribute ideas or volunteer or just keep up to speed on what's going on. Please come—we really need your ideas, energy and help.

Stafford First meets:

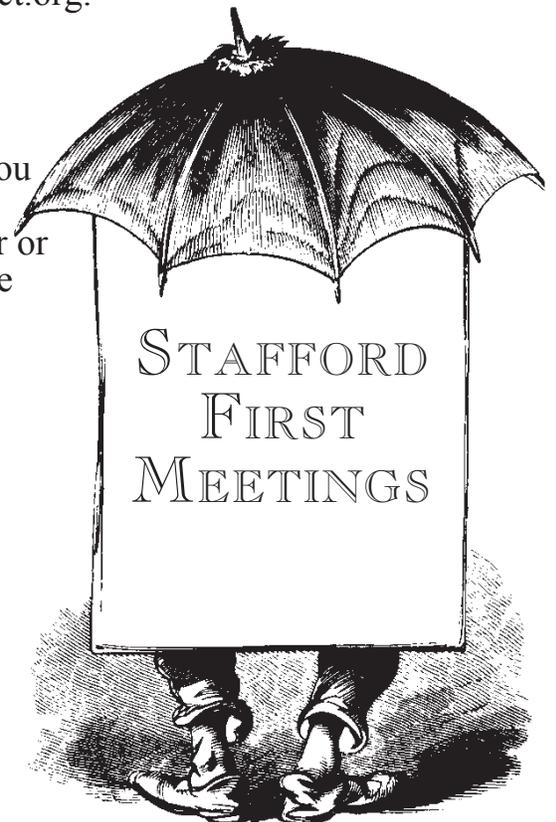
First Thursday of every month

7:00 PM

Library Community Room,

Stafford Public Library

You can confirm a meeting if you are unsure by calling Julie Engleke at 684-9746



ACTION PAK - PUBLIC MEETINGS & STAFFORD 1ST MEETINGS

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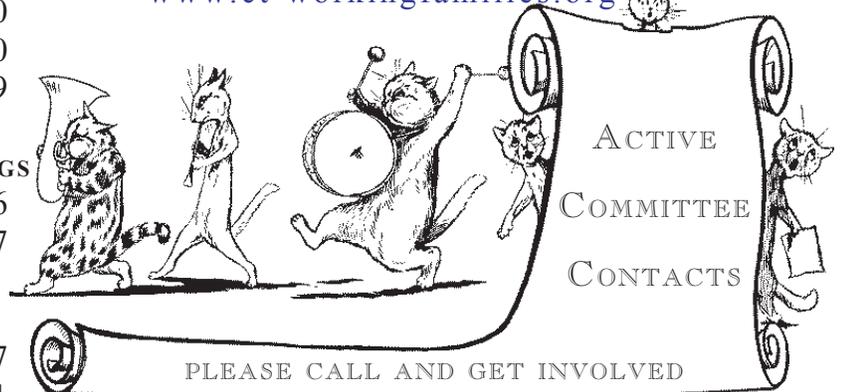
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Gary Fisher 684-2297

CO-OP/SMART GROWTH

Tannis Longmore 684-0457

Nancy Neff 268-6131



ACTION PAK - STAFFORD FIRST CONTACTS

(WE'RE SURE WE DIDN'T LIST EVERYONE - TO BE INCLUDED, CHANGED OR REMOVED IN THE NEXT "ACTION-PAK", CALL NEAL AT 684-4856)



The Web links below are some great sites about Wal-Mart. If you are looking for fodder for letters, want to check our facts, or just to learn more, check these out!

www.wakeupwalmart.com A fabulous site for info and action, sponsored by UFCW

<http://walmartwatch.com/> a group scrutinizing the company thoroughly

www.sprawl-busters.com Al Norman's great site

<http://www.reclaimdemocracy.org/walmart/> Articles, Studies and Resources on Wal-Mart

<http://www.walmartmovie.com/> The movie we might be in...

www.staffordfirst.org Us, with links, a map of the proposed Wal-Mart site, meeting updates and more!

<http://www.aflcio.org/corporatewatch/walmart/index.cfm> AFL-CIO site: Paying the Price at Wal-Mart

www.pbs.org/itvs/storewars/resources.html "Store Wars-When Wal-Mart Comes To Town"

www.newrules.org/retail/econimpact.html Studies about the impact of big box development. Data, Data!

www.uncw.org/issues_and_actions/walmart_workers_campaign_info/index.cfm Facts & Fight by UFCW

<http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?Q=295118&A=1761> a June 21, 2005 press release from the CT government: Governor Rell Announces Results of State Investigation of Wal-Mart Stores

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/democrats/WALMARTREPORT.pdf>. EVERYDAY LOW WAGES: THE HIDDEN PRICE WE ALL PAY FOR WAL-MART A Report by the Democratic Staff of the Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives Representative George Miller (D-CA), Senior Democrat

<http://www.ceds.org/> Our mission is to help people defend their community and environment from the impact of sprawl and other poorly planned land development activities.

If you aren't a web user, contact Joe Cavanagh, from the Research and Resource Committee at 684-5483 and he'll try to find you whatever info you need.

ACTION PAK - TOO MUCH INFORMATION