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**Submission to City Planning Board for meeting on 8/24/2020**

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At the last Zoning Board of Appeals meeting (Aug.17,2020) Prime replayed their old script that the City can get along with less parking.

Prime representatives were, in fact, expressing their anxiety over the lack of downtown parking impacting on Prime being cleared to go forward with its project.

Prime is using the classic "what about...?" ploy, Steve asked, "What about walking a dog for exercise?" and "What about city squares in Europe?" Charlie asked "What about Prime's success in Saratoga?"

They were covering because they were caught trying to change the direction of the argument. This is a classic situation in which people shift the conversation to avoid directly addressing the issue at hand.

This same pattern has been played out at previous Zoning Board of Appeals and City Planning Board meetings.

Prime and the City constantly refer to the City parking code being antiquated. The presumption is that a code update would result in fewer parking requirements.

More parking is now needed than in the past. A two person household with both working will now typically have two cars. In another example a family with children growing into driving age will likely have their own cars as well.

The argument that we need less parking spaces now than in the past is simply wrong.

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