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Subject: 100 Longridge Road 40 B Project

Dear Board;

During the last ZBA meeting, I asked the board who I would call if my well is contaminated. The response from the town attorney was that it was not the town, and not likely the developer, but the owners of the subdivision.

If the neighborhood's water is contaminated, or runs low, it is clear that it would be disastrous for the town. If such an event occurred and it could have been avoided with proper studies having been discussed and recommended by the experts, the impact on the town government would be politically devastating -even if the town is not formally responsible for faulty design of the Subdivision.

Living close to the subdivision I am fully alert to the consequences of failure. I get the sense from the line of questioning of the board, that it is more concerned with the timeline and moving the project along, more worried about the consequences of learning to the process itself.

Yet the risks to the town with this project are huge - especially since there are many questions that have been raised for which there is no answer. Moving forward in the blind is accepting risk without a plan and pushing that risk on to the neighbors and future owners.

For the sake of the innocent future owners, and the existing neighbors, It is if nothing else the moral responsibility of the town to insure that everything possible is done to mitigate the risk of this development. This includes all of the water studies, a back up plan in case of contamination, and some insurance policy in place that would be adequate to respond in the worst case scenario. There just is not the level of experience with high density developments of this type. The suggestion of one 15K bond for a single well replacement clearly suggests to me even the hydrologists are not alert to the consequences if something goes wrong here.

I appreciate the timeline pressure that the board is under. However the wellbeing of hundreds of people are stake. There is an obligation to do things right.

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