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Conservation Commission by e-mail to concom@wrentham.gov
79 South Street
Wrentham, MA 02093

RE: Sheldon Meadow Senior Living Community (SLC) (20 Hancock Street)
Sheldon West Senior Living Community (SLC) (1139 West Street)

Dear Chair Immonen, Members of the Commission and Agent Luce:

According to information posted on the Town of Wrentham website, the continued public hearing scheduled for September 8, 2022 has been further continued at the applicant's request to September 22, 2022.

The Commission conducted a (continued) public hearing on the applications on June 9, 2022. When testimony concluded that evening, the public hearing was continued to July 28, 2022. Before the continued July 28, 2022 public hearing opened for testimony, the applicant requested a continuance to August 11, 2022, which the Commission granted. Before the continued August 11, 2022 hearing opened for testimony, the applicant requested a further continuance to September 8, 2022, which also was granted. The applicant has now requested and apparently received a further continuance of the public hearing, to September 22, 2022.

If the Commission has not already done so, I ask that it direct the applicant to re-advertise the hearing and re-notify abutters, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the Commission's Regulations, which provides:

Whenever a public Hearing is continued on three consecutive sessions without testimony or other evidence being presented, the following Hearing shall be re-advertised by publishing a Public Notice in the Sun Chronicle or an equivalent daily newspaper at the applicant's expense, and the abutters shall be re-notified of the Hearing by the applicant with proof of such re-notification provided to the Commission.

In addition to the three consecutive continuances since June 9, 2022, the applicant also requested and received continuances for the scheduled May 12, 2022 public hearing (continued to May 26, 2022) and the May 26, 2022 public hearing (continued to June 9, 2022). Five of the last six scheduled sessions of public hearing now have been continued at the applicant's request. The way the applicant is proceeding makes it extremely difficult for this Commission, peer reviewers, and the many interested abutters and other residents to follow and evaluate these projects and their potentially serious adverse impacts. It has been almost two years now since the first applications, and there still remains so much important missing information.

I respectfully request that the Commission consider denying the applications, or asking the applicant to withdraw and re-file when it is ready to submit a complete application with all documentation and information requested to date. There seems to be no other way to effectively conduct the comprehensive and coherent review that these projects demand.

Thank you,

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