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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:

I am writing on behalf of my wife Diane Rook and myself, long-time residents of 1170 West Street, Sheldonville.

On November 11, 2022, the applicant filed with the Conservation a package of new or revised materials and plans. While the applicant complied literally with the advance notice requirements of Article 5.1 of the Regulations of the Town of Wrentham Conservation Commission (the "Regulations"), the submitted materials were voluminous and will require more than just a few business days to review. For example, the revised Supplemental Data Report (Exhibit 17) alone, with attachments, appears to contain 617 pages.

We respectfully request that the Commission not close the public hearing after testimony on November 17, 2022, but rather extend it at least through the Commission's next scheduled meeting, in order to give the Commission and all interested parties sufficient time to review what the applicant filed on November 11, 2022. Article 5.1 of the Regulations states that, "These submission dates are the minimum required to provide the Commission time to review data prior to meetings, but in many instances more time will be required to properly review all submitted information, and the Commission may request a continuation of the meeting in order to properly evaluate the materials provided."

As you continue your review, we ask the Commission to consider carefully the presentation to the Commission on November 3, 2022, by Chuck Adelsberger of

Environmental Partners. A downgradient site directly abutting the proposed project sites (the Marszalkowski property on Burnt Swamp Road) has been preliminarily identified as the “optimal site” for the much-needed West Wrentham Town Well. What happens on the project sites will affect not only the drinking water supply of 130,000 customers of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB), but possibly the drinking water supply of the entire Town of Wrentham if the “optimal site” comes to fruition. Of particular concern is the fact that nearly 70,000 cubic yards (more than 4,200 truckloads) of fill, from unknown locations and of unknown quality, will be trucked in for these projects. This concern, among others, was expressed to the Commission by the PWSB in a letter dated July 28, 2022. I am not aware that those concerns have been addressed to date. The “multiplier effect” of climate change makes it imperative that all potential adverse effects be identified and addressed **before** construction begins. There is little or no margin of error, given the consequences if something goes wrong.

Thank you for your continued careful review of these projects.

Thank you,

/s/

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cc. Wrentham Board of Health

