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Town of Wrentham Planning Board
Town of Wrentham Conservation Commission
Town of Wrentham Board of Health

RE: Sheldon Meadow & Sheldon West (1139 West Street & 20 Hancock Street)

Dear Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband, a lifelong resident of Sheldonville, to again express our continued concern regarding the above referenced developments. We had submitted a letter dated July 22, 2022 outlining a “personally lived through” case of what happened to septic pipes from a building built on a slab, in a wetland, and we feel that the concerns I brought up haven’t been addressed at all. Unless I missed a meeting where this was discussed, we still very strongly believe that building on slabs in a wetland, ... on top of copious amounts of fill, will in time become a disaster. We also feel that the letter that the City of Pawtucket sent raising several very pointed, important questions hasn’t been addressed by the applicant - at all. The City of Pawtucket Watershed supplies water to over 100k people. We feel it’s a huge concern.

We are wondering how this project can continue to go on without solid answers, and I know many of the people speaking out about their concerns associated with the projects are feeling just as frustrated and bewildered as we do at this point.

On top of all currently unanswered questions, there is a new concern regarding the possible placement of a town well in very close proximity to the proposed development. If that is indeed the best place for it, how will these developments impact that? We feel the applicant truly needs to address all of the concerns and questions brought up by all of the people involved, including answers to the City of Pawtucket Watershed’s very good questions.

We thank the commission and other reviewing boards for taking the time to read our letters and for going through these proposals very carefully and with deep forethought for what the town may be left with if these projects go through and the applicant is long gone.

Sincerely,

Wendy & Karl Backlund Jr.