

January 22, 2023

Dear Chairman Immonen, Agent Luce and Members of the Conservation Commission:

Thank you again for your continued efforts surrounding the evaluation of the Sheldon Meadow and Sheldon West SLC proposals.

Please know that I am speaking as a concerned citizen of Wrentham and abutter to the properties in question. I am not speaking as a member of nor representing the Wrentham Conservation Commission.

Attached are recent photos (taken January 20, 2023) of the gully located directly behind Station 2. This gully and the one directly behind my house that runs the much of the length of my property line have been full of water for several days as has the parking area behind Station 2. The water is due to all the rain fall we have had over the last week. Being as cold as it is, the ground is frozen or near frozen therefore it is harder for water to penetrate. Thus, it is not absorbing into the ground in a timely manner (I believe stormwater retention basins need to drain within 72 hours). While the photos were taken on 1/20/23 the water has stood for many days prior and continues to stand as I pen this note.

I know you have seen photos that I have shared documenting this type of water stagnation over the course of the past 6+ years. Most have been photos of the 1139 West. property so I thought it important to share what is going on in the gully as well. One thing to note is the address 1143R West St., indicated in the July 14th report by PVI Site Design, is the address for Station 2. The town has been putting a lot of money into the renovation of that fire station in the hopes to make it fully operational on a regular basis. The Sheldon Meadow/West SLC proposals have the potential to greatly impact that property as well as those of the residential abutters.

Thank you all for your time and attention to this matter. If you wish to visit my property, I am happy to show you around so you can get a better visual of what my neighbors and I are experiencing in terms of water retention/displacement as well as some of the flora and fauna that borders my property. Please let me know, and I would be happy to find a time in the near future to meet you at my house. I can be reached at the email address used to send this letter or by phone which I will include in the email.

Sincerely,

Janet Sozio
1171 West St

Encl: Photos from January 20, 2023

These photos were taken on January 20, 2023 behind Station 2 in Sheldonville. The water has yet to recede and absorb into the ground. The water has risen due to the Monday 1/23 storm.



This photo was taken behind my property at the property line on January 20, 2023. It is harder to see due to the dense brush but there are several pockets of standing water as well as evidence of wetland plants. This area typically remains mucky most of the year.

