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Subject: SLV onsite wastewater treatment facility

Attn: ZBA Chair and all ZBA Members

Dear Ms. Mellish,

I am writing once again as I have been informed of the following data from MECT and want to ensure that this data is on the ZBA record regarding the SLV 40 B hearing and their recent request to hook into municipal sewer:

MECT, April 28, 2022, on SLV onsite wastewater treatment plant

"The wastewater treatment plant was never designed. The plans have a statement to that effect. Engler did test pit work in 2020.... He only submitted partial test pit data in the past month. We (MECT) have pointed out the lack of design, and lack of proof that the system could function in the designated area, and of course he wants to pin this pivot on our environmental concerns. The fact that he is constrained by vernal pools, and tough terrain existed from the start of this project. "

I would like to impress upon the ZBA Members and the ZBA Town Attorney, that SLV must adhere to the original onsite design. The land is problematic and there is an expectation that the state DEP may deny the onsite, thereby blocking construction.

I see no rational basis to entertain SLV's pivot to hooking into our municipal sewer

given the 2016 Sawmill Brook CZM Report that cites that "over 75% of the Town's critical assets (including water and sewer treatment facilities and emergency services buildings) are vulnerable to flooding."

I have been informed today via Dianne Bucco who asked my question to Mr. Federspiel: "Are we presently in discussion with another Town or City to partner on a sewer treatment facility." The response was "no." In the absence of this discussion to partner, it appears that relocation may be the option. SLV's pivot to hook into a system to be relocated is irrational, at best, especially if our sewer

treatment facility is in jeopardy of being flooded. Adequate capacity is not the issue, as Mr. Engler has framed and on which he has argued extensively at the last ZBA 40 B meeting. It's a false argument and there is absolutely no benefit to hearing this matter any further. Mr. Engler is conflating the issues and making it appear that we should agree as he is protecting the environment.

Please continue to demand that Mr. Engler return to the original design for onsite wastewater treatment with detail and specifics and pursue a final determination by the State DEP.

Sincerely,

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