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Subject: Shingle Place Hill

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Re: Shingle Place Hill decisions

Dear ZBA Chairperson and directing members of ZBA,

I have observed and participated in Zoom meetings over the past year + development by a commercial builder regarding Shingle Hill Place. I am grateful for your fortitude and dedication to maintaining the intent of Manchester by the Sea's founding By-Laws. The process has been most painful! What has carried me through all these months is the commitment of community leaders and residents who choose to uphold the natural systems already in place via town Ordinances and Bylaws, etc.

I would like to see the BZA deny the comprehensive permit, including a denial of the wetlands bylaw waiver requests for the strongest, most defensible position to protect Shingle Place Hill. With the help of the conservation commission, work must meet the stricter of state and local requirements. Home rules, customized local bylaws protect local, individual topography, hydrology and geology needs as well as wetlands protection are already built-in to our zoning ordinances/bylaws. Buffers are in place that protect the collapse of ecological integrity, particularly those proposed by SLV's required waivers of 19 of Manchester's Wetland Bylaws just to build! Really? Will the

Housing Appeals Committee overturn a denial of these waivers if you make it that far? Due diligence toward an outcome that is in integrity with town plans is already happening. There are viable, local solutions in play to meet requirements of this state mandate.

I ask you please don't cave! Protect Shingle Hill Place! Manchester has invested a significant amount of time in searching and modifying these bylaws to keep current with scientific findings regarding environmental long term health. Gone are the days of indifference by companies who prefer to trample protections for their own benefit. Current science is demonstrating the deep interbeing and interconnection among humans and their environment. In fact, did you know our digestive biome is a chemical duplicate of our soil? Will you have the wherewithal to protect and maintain clean water sources, bylaws and ordinances that protect the natural landscapes in which we thrive? Or, will you let some out of town commercial enterprise move in and create the next community disaster? (Just calling it like I see it!) Honor the work that is historical and consistent with our town's design for building and development. Consult with those who know the repercussions of your decisions and remember, we're counting on you to view the long term.

This world is in a crisis. It is a perfect opportunity to do the right thing for nature and all life. Keep out concrete! Let nature continue to do her work! Turn your sights toward the work already in progress toward a viable solution for affordable housing. Thank you for your care and integrity in this matter.

Best wishes,

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