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Hello folks of the ZBA –

I first want to recognize and thank you all for the work you have done with the SLV project! I realize this has not been an easy endeavor! I started getting involved about 8-9 months ago to get myself educated on the issues I was hearing rumors. It's been a commitment to say the least, but I know my commitment is minimal compared to yours...so thank you.

With that being said, I once again would like to express my concerns and ask that the ZBA reject this project and all the waivers. I am all for affordable housing, but this is **NOT** the answer. As a 21yr citizen of this town, it concerns me that we could lose such a great resource in Shingle Place Hill. **Some** of my concerns include:

- **Waste Water** – the absence of a peer review is concerning. We've had problems in town since I have lived here, they still exist.
- **Sewar Capacity** – Why would we approve a project of this capacity when we have had many residents waiting for their town hook-up? Doesn't see fair. Also seems to me that SLV intentionally switched gears on purpose in the middle to the hearing – they knew exactly what they were doing and it was intentional. They were well aware of the impact of the system on site to the environment. It was calculated and on purpose.
- **Drinking Water** – the concern for run-off is real! We are jeopardizing our drinking water – another reason NOT to approve this project. Our water is already at risk 19/20 PFOS and “sample testing” (averaging the samples to make it look better than it is) – VERY concerning.
- **Vernal Pools** – these critters will travel miles looking for vernal pools, we are putting them in danger and they are already at high risk. This blasting will be like a “bomb” in their environment – just in despicable.
- **Clear Cutting** – acres of clear cutting is unimaginable in such a beautiful area that a lot of us enjoy when we need time away from life's pressures. The wildlife cannot speak on these calls, we as residents need to speak for them! The monarch butterfly is now in danger because milkweed has been destroyed. My heart hurts cutting down any trees. They bring so much to us and we cut them down with no regard to the critters living there.
- **Ledge Blasting** – as someone whose house abuts the HS, I can tell you when the HS went up all of the homes abutting the school incurred damage and long with others in the area. No one checked our homes PRIOR to the construction and some of us still have damage now to our basements. The trucks and the hauling of the material is just unfathomable. Our Traffic will be unruly – forget trying to get to work in the morning and getting home. Have you seen Rt1A in Beverly in the morning? Backed up onto 128 – that is where we are headed.
- **“Fit” with our town** – It' is just not compatible to our town landscape. That alone should deny the waivers, it doesn't fit.
- **Retaining walls** – unsightly walls that don't fit the environment. Just hideous
- **Traffic** – Our lovely little town is about to get swarmed with traffic, at the beach, downtown – forget parking downtown!

- **“Affordable?”** – The affordable units aren’t affordable. **\$3k+ a month** – really? that is NOT affordable housing.
- **SAFETY** – One way in and one way out! On a steep hill – let’s imagine for a minute a fire in a unit – spreading quickly – how many fire trucks would be there? Easily 25+ for a site that large. How will all those ppl get out of the “sanctuary?” – it’s a disaster waiting to happen.
- **ISOLATION** – Let’s just put these ppl out in isolation, let’s not make them part of the community! Unreal.

Geoff Engler and SLV could care less about these ppl and our town. They care about \$\$\$\$\$\$ and that is it.! Do not let him push this on us. . . Shame on the town for not being more proactive with housing. We are in this position because we didn’t take a proactive approach to the issue. That has to change. The tax revenue for this unit does not outweigh the damage that will be done and permanent. This is irreversible and forever!

There are Far too many unknowns for the ZBA to approve this project. I urge you to deny the application and let’s find something more suitable for affordable housing!

Listen to the “Big Yellow Taxi” song, that is what I heard as I turned the corner one day going up 128N entering MBTS and smelling the sweetgrass that brings a smile to my face everytime. .

I love this town and plan on leaving my home to my family to continue to enjoy this area for generations to come.

Again I do appreciate all your work here and I do respect the process. So thank you for all your work and best of luck!

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