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June 19, 2020

To: Brad Hutchison, Chair Planning Board, South Hadley, MA  
From: Board of Health, South Hadley, MA  
Re: North Pole Estates Subdivision Definitive Plan Public Hearing

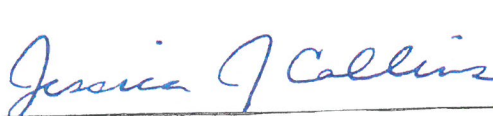
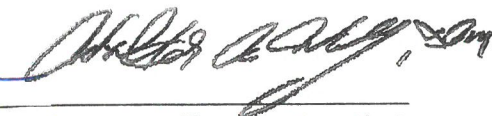
Dear Chairman Hutchison,

The Board of Health met on June 16, 2020 to discuss the North Pole Estates Subdivision Definitive Plan. We discussed several strategies, but the truth is that based on what is included in the Plan and the Hydrogeological Assessment, the applicant has not taken the potential risk to our water supply seriously enough and the assessment and the responses of the applicant are inadequate to the serious concerns and potential situations that could compromise the water supply.

Therefore, as we stated in the previous letter, the Board of Health deems the applicants Plan as unacceptable because of the risk that the planned excavation of the natural sand filter (474,000 cubic yards, more than incidental amount) would render the District 2 Water Supply to contaminants. As well as, a lack of modeling for how the nitrate load from the subdivision plan could potentially create inappropriate nitrogen levels ongoing.

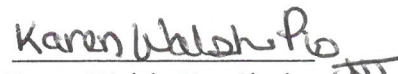
The Board of Health is deemed to protect the town from any potential risk to health. However, the authority for the allowance of this plan lies with the Planning Board. The Board of Health urges the Planning Board to 1) not pass this plan and 2) not permit any more excavation of earth on the Dry Brook Hill land that provides natural filtration for the District 2 Water Supply.

Sincerely,

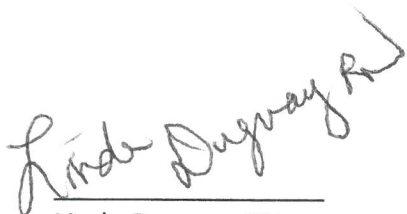
 

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