

## SLV proposal- feedback

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Dear Sarah-

Thanks again for your service on the ZBA, and please pass on my thanks for the other volunteers, staff, and consultants supporting your efforts.

It appears that the current phase of the process is drawing to a close. It's apparent that the site location is very sensitive to a key basic need of the community- drinking water. Critical questions around safety and environmental protection remain. The developer, understandably, wants as close to a blank slate as possible to proceed. Given the nature of the concerns, however, I think the questions and concerns do need to be carried through to their individual conclusions.

I suspect SLV will appeal or litigate any conditions imposed on the project. Their move to just take a chunk of existing sewer capacity shows that they are looking to extract maximum revenue from the town.

When I purchased my existing house with a questionable septic system, I gambled as there was no sewer capacity available and I had to spend on backup plans to manage failure. The town and citizens have spent a lot of money and effort to improve the sewer system to add capacity, and that needs to be available to existing residents and septic system owners.

I hope the ZBA does not grant a comprehensive permit at this stage with so much left unanswered. This needs to move to a more detailed layer of specifics before any waivers should be considered as well.

May you have good luck and good wisdom present in your discussions and decisions.

Best regards,

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