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Definitive Plan Approval: "Bull Meadow" Subdivision - Off Appaloosa Drive

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Choose a Project / Topic: Definitive Plan Approval: "Bull Meadow" Subdivision - Off Appaloosa Drive
First Name: Gail
Last Name: Johnston
Email Address: gjohnston1000@gmail.com
Street Address: 107 Adams Road
City: North Grafton
State: Massachusetts
Public Comment Disclaimer: I have read and understand the Public Comment Disclaimer
Comments:

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To:
Grafton Planning Board
Grafton Conservation Commission

RE: Proposed Bull Meadow Subdivision

I am writing to express concern regarding my property located at 107 Adams Road, North Grafton. Due to a prior commitment, I am unable to attend the July 25th, 2016 hearing.

I respectfully request that you deny the application of Bull Meadow, LLC for a Major Residential Special Permit.

My fear is the Bull Meadow subdivision will have a negative impact on my property. Any additional water flow created by this new development would be detrimental to my home. A good portion of my property is wetlands, overly saturated wetlands the majority of time. There are also other wetland areas surrounding my property. Those wetlands all connect to mine, and when the water increases in those, it increases in mine. My property is at the lowest elevation in that area and unfortunately, I already have to rely on a sump pump to keep my cellar from flooding due to the increased water flow from the 1999 installation of five catch basins on Adams Road. All water from those catch basins now flow directly onto my property at a much faster rate than it used to, and has clearly altered the wetlands.

Please assess the impact of this additional water flow that this new subdivision will create. This will negatively impact my property and my home, as well as further alter my wetlands and the surrounding wetlands. Based on the plans that I have seen, the storm water management area is located between two wetland areas, both of which feed into my wetlands. If the subdivision is approved, there must be an effective strategy and solution in rectifying the water flow that will occur.

I would also like to mention that this is the first meeting I have heard about regarding this development. Thankfully, my neighbor, Kathlyn LaFlamme whose property surrounds mine informed me of this particular hearing. Apparently, I am 40 feet from being considered an actual abutter, and therefore do not get notified. This deeply concerns me that I have not been informed of any details concerning this development that is so close to my home and will have a negative impact.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Regards,
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