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VIA EMAIL TO Andrew.T.Koff@des.nh.gov
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Re: Koss Construction LLC (Tax Map Lots 140-16 & 170-12) Bean Road ("the Project")
CWS Moultonborough: Harbor Landing: PWS ID: New System
Proposed BRW1 and BRW2; NHEDS#DR006013

Dear Mr. Koff:

This letter is sent to you in follow up to the Center Harbor Select Board's letter of February 23, 2022 as well as your letter of April 21, 2022 (which indicated that the proposed wells were not able to be approved as new community water supply wells). In light of the February 22, 2023 conditional approval by the Moultonborough Planning Board for this Project, we wish to renew our concerns about the above-referenced proposed Wells for this Project, which site contains 10 delineated wetlands, 2 perennial streams and 2 stratified drift aquifers. In addition, surface water from this Project will drain to both Lake Kanasatka and Lake Winnepesaukee.

As stated in our prior letter, the Project abuts two properties which are known to have groundwater pollution (Irving gas station and the former Dry Cleaners on Route 25). The two proposed community wells are located in close proximity to both of these properties – especially the Dry Cleaners. The DES letter dated June 26, 2020 concerning the Dry Cleaners shows the significant on-going issues associated with that abutting site (including the need to test for PFAS). As water from the two proposed community wells for this Project is drawn from the aquifers, the

resulting void will likely draw the pollutant plumes towards the Project's well and those of other abutters in both Moultonborough and Center Harbor. The Center Harbor Selectmen respectfully request that your office require provisions to protect the aquifer and various existing abutting wells from being tainted and thereby jeopardizing the health of both Center Harbor and Moultonborough residents. Such provisions may include but not be limited to limiting the amount of water drawn from these proposed well, if either well is actually allowed, and the potential relocation of the well sites further away from the Dry Cleaners and Irving Gas Station sites). Such provisions may also require a limitation on the number of dwelling units from the 42 unit maximum conditionally allowed by the Moultonborough Planning Board's decision of February 22, 2023 to some lesser amount of say 16 to 20 units to address this water pollution issue. This is of special concern to us in light of the fact that the final version of the Project's Plan presented to the Planning Board has so many of the units immediately adjacent to wetlands areas without much, if any, "back yard" space.

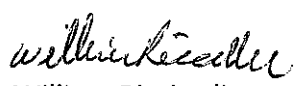
It appears as if the entire Phase 1 of the complex lies entirely within the Wellhead Protective Radius of the adjacent Community Well for the Senter Market project in Center Harbor, which may need separate approval by DES

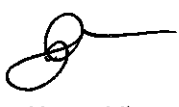
The impacted aquifers have been classified as low recharge, which implies a recharge rate less than 10,000 gallons per day. The wells (both of which are located within the wetlands) are expected to output 24,000 gallons per day. We ask that you implement appropriate measures if these wells are approved at all to limit the draw down to below that 10,000 gpd level so as not to draw down the aquifers and drain the surface wetlands.

Thank you considering our concerns. We respectfully request to be provided with appropriate notice of all DES meetings and decisions on this Project (with a copy sent both to Town Hall AND to our Town Attorney, Christopher L. Boldt, Esq, Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, 164 NH Rte. 25, The Towle House, Unit 2, Meredith, NH 03253) so that we and/or our Town Attorney can participate in the discussions on this very large and contentious matter on the very border of our Town Village Center.

Very Truly Yours,
CENTER HARBOR SELECT BOARD


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