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Dear Chairwoman Gallagher,

I have been listening to the September 16th, 2020 Zoom Mtg and have the following comments to be made during closing public remarks, with respect to the Lewis Road PRD Application and the recent updates made regarding deadline extension, etc.

The fact that Mr. Shea is finding these inconsistencies is not shocking. It is not shocking that he is finding these issues because WE THE PUBLIC, as well as your professional staff, have also already made it known to the applicant that these inconsistencies existed. The applicant had every opportunity make these changes, prior to this forced September deadline, and they CHOSE NOT TO. This is a very experienced group of professionals, hired as consultants on behalf of Discovery Land (who themselves as developers, are very savvy in how these processes for permit approval work) and they knew how this process works. They are not hearing about these concerns for the first time, or the sixth time.

I was formally trained by Mr. Shea, while I was previously employed by the Town of Southampton and was hired under him to act as an Environmental Technician for almost 5 years. During my time with the TOS, I worked directly with individuals on projects within Central Pine Barrens and became very familiar with what is required, etc. To this end, I have personally spent many hours reviewing these applications, as a concerned citizen, and I have also already made all of these same concerns known. The applicant has had many different opportunities to make changes during the past 9 months, and they intentionally chose not to. They have played a similar game of "chicken" previously during the project review before the Town Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town Planning Board. They know what is required, they have every opportunity to modify, and they don't, until they are forced to for fear of being denied.

You can see in past submissions that the changes being requested today by the Town, were already brought to the applicant's attention and most of the data needed to modify the plans, was already generated and in their possession. Julie Hargraves has also been reviewing these types of projects for many years. She has been very thorough in her review and very professional in her interactions with the applicant and the Pine Barrens Commission, and yet the applicant and their agents have repeatedly ignored her comments and instead submitted plans and project descriptions that were patronizing at best, repeatedly stating that they were in compliance and didn't need to make changes. They stated that everything was complete

and the CPBCommission should move to approve the project. CLEARLY THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. WHY DID THEY NOT RESPOND TO JULIE in the same way that they are now responding to the requests made by Mr. Shea on behalf of Supervisor Schneiderman?

This plan will STILL require additional modifications, as the plans before you today or even the plans that will be submitted in October, haven't been approved by the Town of Southampton Planning Board and they are also likely modified in such a way that the ZBA's ruling regarding the Golf Course, may no longer stand because they were clear that the approval was based on exactly what was presented to them at that point. The project was vague, but the applicant argued it was fine, this was it, there wouldn't be any changes.

We also have yet to see where the SCDHS and/or NYSDEC have responded to their most recent submissions, whereby approval from NYDEC or SCDHS did not exist, as of the close of public hearing in August. Applications require submission fees, to help offset the costs associated with review and such. This project will continue to monopolize time spent by your employees, yourselves, the general public and the professional agencies working on behalf of the public and the environment. The same thing happened during PDD process. This will also likely become "par for the course" if approved, when the Town or other Government Agencies will try and see that agreements are upheld, development follows as approved, and in order to monitor future activity on private lots and within community owned areas. I worry that there will not be enough manpower or financial resources to enforce and monitor subdivision, should project ever be approved.

As always, thank you all for the time you have spent and continue to spend reviewing this application.

Sincerely,

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