

September 24, 2015

Madbury Planning Board
13 Town Hall Road
Madbury, New Hampshire 03823

Dear Planning Board Members:

On September 16, 2015 we were in attendance, as abutters, for the planning board meeting wherein an application was presented to the Town of Madbury for the development of 8 lots located on Hayes Road known as Chestnut Farms.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your cooperation in ensuring safe and adequate drinking water for our property located at 90 Hayes Road. At the meeting we listened to the proposal, reviewed the property maps, and listened to the concerns of others, and spoke of our concerns as well. Please know we are not opposed to the development in general, but in particular and of utmost concern to us is the proposal for Lot M7 that is adjacent to our property. We have enjoyed being residents of the Town of Madbury for the past 37 years. We believe the development of Lot M7 will risk permanent harm to the shallow well that has been supplying our home with potable water for 37 years. We fear the disturbance of the land due to new construction on Lot M7 has high potential of exploiting the shallow aquifers currently supplying our household water supply and our well may be susceptible to yield or recharge fluctuations and possible contamination from surface water, including sewage.

As you are aware, quality household water supply is essential to our survival and maintaining the current value of our Hayes Road property. Because the proposed building on Lot M7 is located at an elevation above our shallow well and, there is several areas considered either wetland and/or an outlet for natural watershed, we foresee the activities from this lot negatively affecting the water supply and quality of our property.

We ask that if the proposed development application, specifically relative to Lot M7, currently under consideration be approved, that a solution be addressed to ensure that the amount and quality of our household water supply be maintained.

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In light of the above concerns, we wish to have this letter made part of the record for the Chestnut Farms Development.

Thank you and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher C. O'Connell



Judy M. O'Connell

cc: Michael Garrepy, Garrepy Planning Consultants
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