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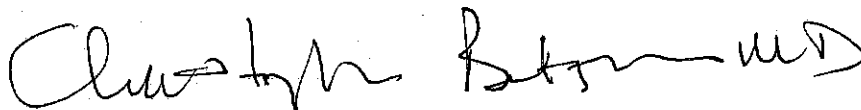
Hello Barrington, NH Planning Board,

Two days before the Christmas holiday we were made aware of the proposed conservation subdivision 174 +/- dwellings with 480 acres +/- of open space on Canaan Back Road and Old Settlers Road for 600 +/- acres in total. If the proposal is to be believed as stated this would place 174 +/- dwellings on 120 acres. As you know, Canaan Back Road and Old Settlers Road are both dirt roads and Canaan Back Road is designated a scenic route. Both of the roads have a rural character to them, and this proposal will drastically change the way of life for the people who live on and use those roads, and it will bring with it various safety, wildlife, water extraction, and other issues that must be explored. There are also questions of fairness concerning whether these two roads should bear a disproportionate share of housing units built in Barrington and whether the proposed construction meets statutory and other requirements.

Needless to say, in spite of the Christmas holiday and all of the associated busyness with church services and gatherings of family, friends and business associates, the first information regarding the proposed subdivision travelled rapidly amongst the residents of Canaan Back Road, Old Settlers Road and the many owners of properties abutting the Carla Williams/Coot Farm Property.

Those listed above would be adversely affected by the proposed subdivision and accordingly will, despite the short notice, attend the meeting of the Barrington Conservation Commission scheduled for 28 December 2023 as well as the scheduled 9 January 2024 meeting of the Barrington Planning Board. Because news of the proposed subdivision arrived only two days before one of the busiest national holidays of the year, little time was available to learn more about, among other things, the proposed subdivision and its multiple impacts to the environment, our town roads, public safety, schools, school bus services, road traffic and intersections, fire department and EMS access, and the underlying aquifer that supplies water to the affected residents and property owners and their families.

For the above questions and concerns, the undersigned are attending the 28 December 2023 Meeting in search of information regarding the proposed subdivision and respectfully request a three month delay of the scheduled 9 January 2024 meeting of the Barrington Planning Board



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