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November 29, 2023

Dear Barrington Planning Board,

I, Cheryl Scott, who resides at 51 Sarah Lane/Nippo Ct. am vehemently opposed to the proposed development by John F. and Christina L. Maiorino for a 16 Lot Subdivision with duplex units and waivers. This development is big in scope, in a confined area of a fragile ecosystem. Our family has had much history at Nippo lake and have owned the property on Nippo Ct./Sarah Lane since 1950. The Nippo Lake Association Community has worked extremely hard over the last decade to restore, preserve, and protect our land and waters. A big development such as the one proposed by Mr. and Mrs. Maiorino will cause environmental erosion, flooding, habitat disruption, environmental pollutants, abutter issues, road traffic, maintenance and repairs issues as well as cause needless stress on Nippo Lake landowners.

I am opposed to the application for the following reasons, but not limited to :

- Of most importance is the fact that the Nippo Lake Association and residents have invested a lot of time, energy, resources and money, since 2010, into preserving the water quality of our lake to combat cyanobacteria outbreaks. Given a strong Nippo Lake Association, and support from the state of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, UNH, SELT, Soak Up The Rain, and others, we have been able to restore our lake's water quality and prevent further cyanobacterial blooms. This proposed development could undue all of our successes.
- The Nippo Lake Association identified a key contributor and primary source to the lake's phosphorus pollution that causes cyanobacteria blooms to be the result of storm surge from Nippo Lake Golf Course, *which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Maiorina*. The use of lawn fertilizers at the golf course was determined to be a major source of excess nutrients that caused the Lake's cyanobacteria blooms. A new development of this size and scope will increase fertilizer use and storm surge that will further impact our land and the water quality of Nippo Lake.
- Mr. and Mrs. Maiorino are requesting a big development, knowing they have been contributors to past negative environmental impact. A big development such as the one proposed may generate large amounts of pollutants, including eroded soil from construction sites, toxic metals and petroleum wastes from roadways and nutrients and bacteria that may be harmful to humans and animals.
- The current proposal could endanger the fragile loon population on Nippo Lake and may drastically reduce loon nesting habitat. Chemical contaminants due to the proposed development may cause a variety of harmful health and reproductive effects to several bird species, including reducing the likelihood of eggs successfully hatching. Water level changes due to this development could flood nests and impact the loon population. The

Barrington Planning Board should take into consideration the state of NH goal to restore and maintain a healthy loon population as sentinels of environmental quality.

- Widespread land development and clearing will cause flooding and increased erosion. Draining of wetlands for developments will also deplete habitats and cause flooding and erosion. Many years back, when the land behind Nippo Ct/Sarah Lane was "logged", there was excessive runoff and flooding in and around our property. The water runoff that rushed down the mountain caused erosion to our property, and damaged the foundation of our house while disrupting the soil, killing root systems of plants and trees. Large trees were uprooted and fell at a cost to us. We have since also had to put in a new foundation. Are Mr. and Mrs. Maiorino going to be legally and financially accountable for and incur the costs for any damage/maintenance that may occur to our residences, as a result of this proposed development ?
- A development of this size may also impact groundwater levels, and water quality, if properties are installing wells. In recent years, the groundwater levels appear to be at low levels. In addition, adding many more septic systems to the area may cause contamination of surface and groundwater resources, which leads to public health and pollution problems and could lead to contamination of drinking water.
- The timing of this proposal by Mr. and Mrs. Maiorino and Christophe Berry, Project Manager appear suspect and deceitful knowing many residents of Nippo Lake have closed up their residence for the summer and are unable to appear in person at the planning meeting. Given that Mr. and Mrs. Maiorino have prior knowledge of toxic water quality and environmental concerns for Nippo Lake in regards to storm runoff, in my opinion, it is irresponsible and unethical of them to pursue such a big proposed development that may directly impact our livelihood and recreational use of the Lake.

In summary, the proposed BIG development and waivers application request by Mr and Mrs. Maiorino does NOT "foster sustainable, balanced growth while preserving the choice, landscape and natural resources of Barrington, NH "for the benefit of residents" as your mission states. The goal of any development in and around NH lakes, should be low impact development that minimizes environmental impact. This proposal may change the water quality of our lake and significantly impact residents and the health of the landscape, habitat and wildlife. Nippo Lake deserves to be protected from over population and development.

I am vehemently opposed to the size and scope of this proposed development. Please send me a confirmation of receipt of this opposition concern letter

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Scott