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Public Comment Submissions: November 14, 2020 ZBA 55 Summer Street 40B

In my opinions our drinking water supply is under great stress and our residents are suffering from harsh water restrictions. As you know our drinking water supply was damaged by the Preserve 40B. We desperately need a professional Hydrologist to use test wells to perform a detailed study to ensure this project is protecting our drinking water as claimed by Omni. If the 40B is not than the law allowing 40B's to destroy the public water supply in Walpole must be repealed. The 40B law should be repealed because it failed to protect our public water supply from the damaged caused by the Preserve 40B. I witnessed the effects of a prolonged drought years ago on the MWRA reservoirs. Back then the MWRA was providing 80% of Massachusetts population with MWRA drinking water. When Stoughton issued a building moratorium, because they outgrew their public water supply. They had to purchase water from neighboring communities because the MWRA could not provide portable water then. The MWRA told Norwood when they requested an increase to their portable water allocation to open and treat their contaminated (by transformer chemicals leaked in their) public well field on Route 1. The MWRA refused to increase the MWRA portable water supply to Norwood. The 40B must not be allowed to put Walpole into dependence on the MWRA, the same as Norwood's dependent's on the MWRA. The MWRA has a limited portable water reserve. We should not put our eggs in that basket. Walpole must maintain the control of its future the 40B should not be allowed to take the control of our future away. When we can't fill our tanks because demand is greater than our ability to pump water from our aquifer. The super water storage tanks will be monuments to the stupidity of the water and sewer commissioners. Water can not be legally denied to the homes, but it can be priced out of the homes ability to pay. Water service to businesses can be shutoff. They would need to buy water from private sources. I believe the 40B apartments are commercial property and could be shutdown and water being shutoff to the apartments could happen. Walpole would have to return to enforcing building permit moratoriums again. Repairs to homes would need waivers from the ZBA even for a new roof, which adds expense to the needed repairs for the home owner. A waiver for 19.2% impervious in our Area3 aquifer without independent confirmation from professional Hydrologist that our public water supply would not be forever damaged is insane. The result of not protecting our public water supply, would cause property values in Walpole to plummet putting the Town at risk of receivership, and loss of Norfolk County employee pensions. Making this 40B safe in our DEP approved Area3 and EPA approved Soule source aguifer and maintaining the 15% impervious requirement is essential to maintaining our public water supply. This 40B must be reduced or denied. Should the MWRA sell portable water to Walpole I understand that the delivery system would cross two Earth Quake Fault Lines risking loss of fire protection. Walpole should not be forced to accept such outrageous risk to life and property.

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