



June 19, 2018

Via Email

Zoning Board of Appeals
Jonathan Sachs, Chair
Town of Wayland
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778

RE: Cascade Development Flood Zone Issues and ZBA Requests

Mr. Sachs and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I write on behalf of the Greater Boston Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Our Wayland members, including a former Chapter President, Tom Largy, have attended hearings for this project and provided information to you and your Board concerning the need to address the potential threats to Pine Brook and also to neighbors such as the West Suburban YMCA Camp Chickami posed by this development in its present configuration. I write for our Board, Wayland TU members, and for members in MetroWest and in the Boston area who have concerns about preserving and protecting cold water resources.

As noted in earlier correspondence, our chapter is part of Trout Unlimited, a national organization with a mission “to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.” Concerns about the development and its potential negative effects on the Eastern Brook Trout population of Pine Brook were voiced in this early correspondence.

We have followed the sequence of events around this project for some months. At present, we are disappointed that the developer has not produced credible documentation with respect to proof of FEMA flood hazard areas, stormwater runoff mitigation and needed hydrologic and hydraulic studies. This documentation is needed by ZBA to proceed to Conservation Commission consideration.

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Previously it had been stated that GBTU “neither supports nor opposes the project in concept. However, it does not appear that the development plan has adequately addressed a number of issues, including those noted above that would impact Eastern Brook Trout.” We believe this to be truer now that when the statement was originally made.

For these reasons, we would oppose approval of this project as presented to date until the following issued are addressed:

- (1) delivery of the Flood Zone study, (2)
- (2) producing hydrogeo study and
- (3) answering the ZBA's questions.

It is our understanding that the applicant agreed to provide this information.

Creation of housing is needed to meet the changing needs of our population. At the same time, our society wants to preserve and maintain vital natural resources. Decisions can and should be made that respect both needs.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I or members of the Chapter can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

FOR: Greater Boston Trout Unlimited, Its Members and Board of Directors



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