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To: Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Re: Case # 2023-20 and 2023-21**  
**Special Exception from Article VI, Section 6.02.6:B. Wetland Buffer Disturbance Wastewater Treatment Facility.**

To the Board,

The Conservation Commission met with the applicant at the September 2023 meeting. Anita Stevens and Chris Costantino met with the applicant at the site on September 21. The MCC understands the need for the impact and supports the request for a special exception from the Zoning Ordinance.

Criteria for Evaluation with MCC comments italicized

1. The need for the impact. *The facility needs to expand due to EPA requirements. This road realignment is necessary for the continued operations at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)*
2. The plan is the least impact to the site. *This project is a small expansion to an existing impact which is fully stabilized.*
3. The impact on plants, fish and wildlife. *The impact will be minimal and avoids the adjacent wetlands.*
4. The impact on the quantity and quality of surface and ground water. *This project is a small expansion to an existing impact which is fully stabilized.*
5. The potential to cause or increase flooding, erosion or sedimentation. *Stormwater treatments are designed which will manage the stormwater.*
6. The cumulative impact if all parties abutting this wetland or buffer were permitted to make equivalent alterations to the landscape. *It is a minimal impact, most of which is a temporary buffer impact while the road and retaining wall are being installed. Once the work is complete, the buffer will be re-established to existing conditions.*
7. The impact of the proposed project on the values and functions of the total wetland or wetland complex. *The impact appears to be minimal and will not stress the functionality of the landscape to support the existing wildlife and plants.*

Very Respectfully,

Chris Costantino for the Milford Conservation Commission