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Tue, Feb 10, 2026 at 8:24 PM

To: Elizabeth Brutsch <nlpb.brutsch@gmail.com>, Courtney Potter <pzclerk@townofnewlebanon.com>

See this POF for the TB meeting. At the end they ask for it to be included in the public record of the Tilden Project.

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From: **John and Bonnie Lichak** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Feb 10, 2026, 4:32 PM

Subject: Privilege of the floor - 2 person timeframe submission

To: Town Supervisor <supervisor@townofnewlebanon.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Supervisor Hotaling and Town Board Members:

We recently read CAC minutes and watched their meetings. It was stated that the sewer infrastructure project was started in 2022 and grant monies have made it possible to test area wells. 18 tests have been completed, and a number were found to contain E.coli or coliform. The issue was stated there are parcels that pre-date State regulations which require wells and septic to be far enough apart to avoid contamination. Discussion in July included the CACs concern for the aquifer from the Tilden Project. That was very perceptive of the CAC based upon the knowledge they have gathered in doing testing and tracking the parcels with issues. The latest comments in December stated the CAC has been trying to keep the Town Wastewater separate, but it makes sense to bring it in with Tilden and at least share the cost of both with and without Tilden.

Our question is whether the CAC could do a timeline detailing the wastewater progress from date started, surveys, responses, testing, and next steps. The September minutes stated the feasibility study was put on hold until a legal matter can be resolved between the Town Board attorney and the Engineer. If a timeline was prepared and posted along w/a new presentation it would help residents more fully understand where the project stands.

Anyone who has been following the Tilden Project knows that on September 24 the Town Engineer raised issues on the water and sewer plan and stated:

page 6, "Based upon the applicant's own report, groundwater is encountered at approximately 48 inches below existing grade. As designed, the septic system would therefore extend approximately 15 inches into the groundwater. This demonstrates that the proposed system does not provide the required minimum vertical separation to season high groundwater as set forth in NYS DEC Design Standards for Wastewater Treatment Systems."

In addition, on December 2 the project Engineer stated:

page 3 " The property contains most of the area to be within the required 100 ' well projection area but there would be no location on this property able to meet the 200' well control area."

We hope these two significant issues have not been lost. To date, we have not seen any documents that the proposed systems may not fall into the same problems that other small parcels have w/contaminated wells. At the last Planning Board meeting documents were submitted for the landscaping which seems very premature given the water, sewer and traffic issues. It would be very much appreciated if the CAC could help the public in understanding what public infrastructure work has been completed and the findings. Many in the community are very concerned about the current issues in the community and ensuring they do not become compounded.

Thank you,
Bonnie Lichak and Amy Brueckmann

Please post this submission also in the public record of the Tilden Project.