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TO: New Lebanon NY Planning Board, Lead Agency
FROM: Trina Porte, Resident
RE: Tilden Project, Proposed Plans

As of the July 30, 2026 public hearing, several things are now undeniable about this project:

1. Actual abutters to the Tilden site have serious and justifiable concerns about the effects, scale, and rushed timeline of this project.

2. The non-abutters who think this project should be approved now and built as planned:

a. Will not live overlooking a 60,000 square foot 3-story building with a 110-space parking lot.
b. Will not hear the loud beep-beep-beep every time a semi truck backs up into the loading dock.
c. Will not smell the diesel fumes from these trucks.
d. Will not be trying to get to work, school, medical appointments, etc., during the added traffic wait times there.

3. Pumping 240,000 gallons per month of chlorine-treated wastewater into a 3.5 acre site with a 4 foot water table near multiple acres of wetlands doesn't seem like a workable plan.

4. One- and two-bedroom apartments next to a state highway and a 110-space parking lot is not "family-friendly" housing.

5. Adjusting statutory requirements to fit the developers' timeline and preferences is not what the Planning Board/Lead Agency representing our town should be doing.

Someone at the July 30, 2026 Public Hearing summed up these problems very well: "Aren't these things the developers should've checked into before they bought the property?" As it has also been said, "Poor planning on their part does not equal an emergency on our part."

Please don't approve the Tilden Project's proposed plans until they align with the health, safety, and livability requirements you have sworn to uphold.