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August 18, 2026

Members of the Planning Board
Members of the Zoning Board
Members of the Town Board

Re: The Tilden “Project”

Gentlefolk:

I was last night provided a copy of the letter from the Board of Health regarding the above-captioned matter, and I was astonished at the level of flouting of the law in the months of useless debate over a project that was dead in the water from the outset.

The LAW prescribes the distance between the well and the septic system FOR REASONS OF HEALTH. The LAW prescribes that a number of feet of ownership guard the water table—ridiculously high in the area proposed for the “project.”

If the boards had any regard for the law, it would have stipulated from the git-go that if the proposal's sponsors thought that they had any chance of bypassing those laws, they should have done so BEFORE PRESENTING THEIR PROPOSAL to the boards.

I spoke with a long-time friend who was the ZBA Chair in a town I lived in for years. Knowing that the state regulates the distances is ABC in zoning. I can imagine no reason why a project so flagrantly in violation of basic health rules advanced past Page One.

Any member of any board who voted to advance it in spite of this should resign.

Very truly yours,

Gail Heinsohn

cc: NYState Division of Housing and Community Renewal