

July 25, 2022

Linda Parent, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond

203 Bridge Street

Richmond, VT 05477

Notice of Appeal RE: Application for a new well, Permit Number 2022-53 Parcel ID HV2427

Dear Linda Parent:

We wish to appeal Zoning Permit number 2022-53 (installing a drilled well) on Parcel ID HV2427 (2427 Hillview Road). We have addressed this letter to you as we could not identify a secretary for the Development Review Board. We have also copied the Zoning Administrator.

Our objection is that we are unable to discern the exact location of the well and how it fits into the various development plans for this property which includes (according to plans submitted to state agencies) a seven-lot subdivision, each with its own well and septic system.

Hillview Heights LLC has taken a piecemeal approach to the development of their property. They have taken various actions without permits under the guise of "agricultural activities"; 1) building culverts and dumping gravel in a Class II wetland, 2) drilling a well before getting a permit, and 3) they applied directly to the Selectboard for permission to build a town grade road to a single residence. Meanwhile, plans submitted to state agencies have shown an extensive development of seven house sites. Those plans show as "pre-existing" 1) the recently installed culvert and gravel road in the wetland (done as "agricultural maintenance"), and 2) the selectboard approved road which would now serve four houses and not one house as was presented to the Selectboard.

As abutting landowners we are concerned about the permits that are sought and provided by various entities (local and state) without any view to the overall development plans for this property. There has not been any agricultural activity on this land for many years and that continues to be the case.

We would like to see the well permit as part of the overall storm water management plan for the entire property with the well site clearly mapped in relation to all the other proposed wells and septic systems. The well volume should be proportional to the agriculture use for which it is being drilled.

Thank you for considering this appeal.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Butterfield and David Kauck



2212 Hillview Road

Cc: Tyler Machia, Zoning Administrative Officer