

Dear Mr Smith,

My husband Karl and I own a cottage at 865 Route 63 in Spofford. We have just received an Abutter's Letter regarding Lyle Foley and William Manter requesting a variance to be presented at your Zoning Meeting on November 12, 2020.

My letter states that they are asking for a permit for the "construction of a new house in place of the existing house". This is not what their plan is. It is our understanding from Bill that the home that they wish to build will have their front door on Old County Road and the garage on a lower fork of a dirt/gravel road that gives access to the backs of 5-6 cottages that are located on Route 63. The home will be on the hill behind existing cottages that are located on Route 63. They are planning a 2700 square foot home. They want to take the existing Cottage #873 Route 63, and a two car free standing garage on the fork down to give them the square footage that they need for their home plans.

This presents as number of problems. Water drainage from the hill after a heavy rain is already a problem. More tree destruction along with a building will only add to the loss of water retention that will eventually find its way to the lake. This group of cottages were built in the late 1900's and presently provide a stable environment for this area being so close to the lake. Once the first cottage is taken down we fear that it will only be the first of tear downs and rebuilds. We as cottage owners each own the piece of Old County Road that is behind our cottage.

I would hope that every member of the Zoning Committee take time out to visit this proposed site before the meeting. Take Old County Road and you will come to the fork I mentioned. At the fork, you will see that a good number of trees have already been felled, a mound of dirt where the purposed septic system is planned, and the garage they are planning to take down. While you are there, envision with a heavy rain the potential for drainage into the lake and the impact on the properties below this "new home".

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Karl and Katie Heermann