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Mr. Greg Smith, Chairman
Town of Bolton Zoning Board of Appeals
4949 Lakeshore Drive
Bolton Landing, NY 12814

Re: Kolvek (156.00-2-90.2)
V08-48

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the submission for the above referenced variance and would like to offer the following comments regarding the application:

- 1. Site plan review should be conditioned with any variance approved for construction within 500 ft of Lake George (the Critical Environmental Area).** The addition of a 465 sq ft room on a 55-year old home should require the identification of the existing on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS), its size and operation for the existing 2-bedroom home and the apartment bedroom(s). Also, with a 55-year old structure, the OWTS should be inspected, certified and updated, if necessary, to ensure proper functioning.
- 2. Although the application requests a side yard setback variance (an issue made necessary due to the 'sliver lots' that were created to accommodate the RCL3 acre zoning), any reconstruction on this parcel should require stormwater management for existing development.** In addition, extreme care should be taken to minimize any further limits of clearing, as there appears to be extensive clearing on this and adjacent parcels, necessary to accommodate long driveways on steep slopes. Maintaining a vegetated site will promote infiltration and treatment of stormwater runoff, which will reduce nutrients and pollutants from entering the lake, a condition that is accelerating the eutrophication of Lake George..

Thank you recognizing the need to condition all construction within the shoreline of the Lake George watershed with the requirement for appropriate stormwater management and properly functioning OWTS. The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to working with the Town of Bolton in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kathy Simmes, Supervisor
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