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Mr. Keith Hanchett, Chairman
Town of Lake George Planning Board
Old Post Road
Lake George, NY 12845

Re: Bazar – 2067 State Route 9N (276.00-2-11 & 276.02-1-1)
Site Plan Review #52-2008

Dear Mr. Hanchett:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the submission for the above referenced site plan application. The Waterkeeper supported the applicant's variance requests for driveway grades and setback to streams for stormwater infiltration devices based on minimizing the extent of disturbance and improving water quality from the existing road where runoff is not managed. We would recommend the remainder of the project continue to minimize proposed disturbance limits and design the project within the existing landscape. The Lake George Waterkeeper would like to offer the following comments for consideration:

ACCESS ROAD:

1. The applicant should clarify if the first stormwater basin will utilize a berm for storage or will the basin be excavated into the soil.
2. The second stormwater basin appears to be excavated 2-3 feet deep. Has the potential impact from groundwater been evaluated?
3. Erosion and sedimentation control details should be added for the access road construction plan.
4. Recommended soil mixture for bioretention devices is top soil (20-30%), sand (50-60%) and compost (20-30%) for adequate treatment and infiltration.

BUILDING SITES:

1. Each of the building sites proposes significant amounts of fill and earthwork for the site design.



The Waterkeeper recommends the proposed development should work with the existing site conditions utilizing the existing soils and site features for stormwater management instead of altering the site to accommodate the proposed buildings.

- 2. Could the existing depression in the northwestern area of the cabin site be used for stormwater management instead of 4 feet of fill being installed creating a depression in the same vicinity?**
- 3. The infiltration of the eave trench will be compromised due to impacts to the soil from construction and tends to be a maintenance problem and therefore is not recommended.**
- 4. Basin 2P for the proposed house requires a 5 foot cut which could be impacted by seasonal high groundwater based on test pit data at the site.**

Thank you for the consideration. I look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Lake George Planning Board in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Navitsky". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher Navitsky, PE
Lake George Waterkeeper

cc: Michael White – Lake George Park Commission