

April 4, 2024

Dear Members of the Conservation Committee,

We write to add to the public record insisting that the owner and potential developer of Thorndike Place follow all state and local requirements and Town ZBA conditions as it tries to move forward with a building plan opposed by so many Town residents and elected officials.

The material issue before you is of critical importance: whether Thorndike Place has properly measured the groundwater levels and therefore planned appropriately and realistically for storm water management at its proposed development site.

Anyone who lives in our region and in East Arlington specifically has experienced the effects of the changing climate. We see and feel the changing weather with our own eyes and senses, whether it be the oft-noted early arrival of spring, the sodden earth next to the Alewife Brook, or the pools of water on the athletic fields. We read the news coverage of sewage overflows, warming temperatures, and increased rain.

We are frankly perplexed by the news that any developer would not comply with all conditions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Arlington Land Trust, Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals