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To Members of the Conservation Commission:

As we understand, a vital 88 page document dated October 4th from BSC Group in response to GZA's peer review, was not posted to the Conservation Commission website until this morning, the day of tonight's special hearing.

This is extremely concerning in that there has been no opportunity for the public to review and comment on this new information, nor for Arlington Land Trusts' consultants, Scott Horsley and Mike Mobile to offer their expert analysis.

We have always trusted that this process has been a transparent one, especially given the fact that all hearings have been conducted remotely and not in person. The proposed Thorndike Place project, first presented in 2015, is such a complex and controversial project, that warrants the utmost care in order to make an educated decision. The public at large, especially those who will be most directly affected, should be afforded every opportunity to be well informed.

Thank you on Behalf of the Coalition to Save the Mugar Wetlands,

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