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To Members of the Conservation Commission:

Thank you for your time and diligence throughout this process. As the proposed Thorndike Place development would have significant impacts not only on the immediate neighborhood, but the Arlington community as a whole, the opportunity for public comment during the hearings is greatly appreciated.

During the special hearing on October 24th, groundwater levels continued to be questioned. Once again, Scott Horsley commented that the wells could have been *continuously* monitored and not measured at a point-in-time. Given the latter approach was taken, we circle back to our June 3rd letter which requested detailed logs of well measurements be provided by BSC, please see excerpt below:

*As addressed previously, BSC's letter dated February 28th stated that on February 15, 2024, "BSC performed groundwater measurements of three wells installed on the site". At an earlier hearing, it was requested of the Applicant to provide a log detailing the name of person(s) conducting the measurements, witnesses, the time and method used, and the resulting measurements. **It is critical that BSC be held accountable for their data, therefore we respectfully request that the Conservation Commission require that BSC provide this information.***

To our knowledge, BSC has not submitted this information. We ask that the Applicant provide this necessary data and that it is made publicly available.

Arlington Land Trust's consultants, Scott Horsley and Mike Mobile continue to raise valid questions and concerns regarding groundwater data, flooding, and the project's infiltration design/functionality. On several occasions, Attorney Keifer has commented that these individuals, working on behalf of an opponent to the project, will continue to raise questions, prolonging the process. Both Mr. Horsley and Dr. Mobile are highly regarded experts in their fields and any issues or concerns they raise should be welcomed and taken very seriously - their role in this process should not be downplayed by the Applicant.

The proposed Thorndike Place development would have detrimental effects on this environmentally sensitive site with irreversible ramifications to the neighborhood and community. As such, we trust the Commission will acknowledge that the data and design are flawed, with too many critical issues that persist.

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

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