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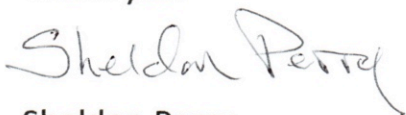
RE: Meena Gasoline Station should require a Special Use Permit.

During our recent January 25, 2023 Planning Board meeting, its members unanimously agreed that the Meena gas station project requires a Special Use Permit for the following reasons:

1. Projects storing regulated substances in large quantities over the Ossipee Aquifer is a regional concern and must be held to the highest standards available as noted in Section 2208 of Effingham's Groundwater Protection Ordinance.
2. Gas stations are a prohibited use in Tamworth's proposed Groundwater Protection Ordinance because they present the greatest risk to clean drinking water. Setting a precedent that the greatest risks do not deserve the greatest protections weakens the standards for protecting this vital natural resource throughout our region.
3. A Special Use Permit would allow the greater community to understand how the applicant intends to protect the aquifer.

The Tamworth Planning Board would appreciate your most considered attention to this very important matter.

Thank you.



Sheldon Perry

Chair, Tamworth Planning Board