June 20, 2016

Zoning Board of Appeals

Town of Newburgh Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Newburgh Planning Board

RE: Cumberland Farms Inc. 270 Route 17K Town of Newburgh, NY

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

I would first like to show my support of this project and also confirm that I am not opposed to any of the variances being requested. This location and surrounding area would benefit from a much needed renovation. I as well as many other patrons in the community shop and get gas here on a daily basis.

I do have concern with the existing storm drainage that the proposed project ties into. Attached is a sketch for reference. From what I can see on the site plan the project proposes its discharge point at the northwesterly corner of their site. The stormwater then appears to flow west under the Ace Rustproofing property where it discharges into a drainage course. This drainage course flows towards NYS Route 17K then into the state drainage system where it enters a piped system. This stormwater is piped through the 17K Cleaners property to a manhole, then to an end section that discharges at the northwest corner of my property.

As you can see in the attached photos the storm system which is intended to discharge has a few issues. Even during normal rain events I witness the storm manhole overtopping and draining onto my lawn (see attached photo of erosion at storm structure). The end section where the stormwater is discharged is also half buried. This causes erosion on my property due to the structure over topping and scour from the constant high flow discharge. I believe the storm system on the 17K Cleaners property lies within a NYSDOT drainage easement as they are connected to and accept storm drainage from NYS Route 17K. I do not want to see this issue get worse and feel something should be done.

I respectfully request that the receiving drainage systems be inspected and that the system be analyzed from the point of connection to the point of free discharge on my property. This is to prove all existing storm pipes, structures and discharge point have sufficient capacity to handle the proposed volumes and peak flows for all storm events that the proposed system is designed for. In addition the discharge point should have enough structural integrity to handle the constant high volumes and flows of stormwater.

This drainage issue should also be brought to light of the NYSDOT during their review of the proposed highway improvements as it is in part their storm system. I would hope this issue can be fully investigated and resolved during the Planning Board/NYSDOT approval process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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