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Re: Stillpoint Project  
West Tisbury, MA

Dear Commissioners or Board Members,

As a Mass Licensed and DEP trained Water Systems Operator ( now retired ), and one who is educated and experienced in wetlands issues, I would like to offer my opinions on this project as follows;

1. Given that there are extensive clay layers in this area, I feel that there is little chance that it would materially affect the nearby wetlands.
2. I don't believe that surface drainage is an issue because of the distance to wetlands and the fact that the land here is comparatively level.
3. A well, adequate for the needs of those using the facilities, will have to be located far enough from the parking areas and septic system to comply with regulations.
4. The plan calls for minimal removal of trees and clearing of land. The barn is there, and parking will occur along the existing road, so environmental impacts will be limited.
5. I understand that activities will involve indoor lectures, classes and discussions. There has been no mention of any proposed events involving highly amplified music or other noises. Therefore, I do not envision that "noise pollution" would be a valid objection to this project.
6. The types of uses for which the property and facilities will be used are important for their educational and cultural value. Thomas Bena will ensure that the operation of Stillpoint is in keeping with certain standards. I know him well, and have full confidence in him. He will always do what is in the interests of the community.
7. Since this is a "low-density" area, with few people living nearby, I don't see "light pollution" from cars exiting after an event as being a valid objection. Every housing development produces far more noise, traffic and light pollution than will Stillpoint.
8. In evaluating this proposal, we should remain objective, and avoid using "double standards". It is our responsibility to do what we believe to be in the community interest.

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