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Zoning Board of Appeals
19 Washington St.
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Dear Members of the ZBA,

I am writing with the hope that my real world experience with living in a community with shared wells and water rooms will persuade the ZBA to require a public water supply for any new development that requires ZBA permitting and approval.

Any way of dealing with water storage and delivery will incur expenses. I make the argument that a public water supply which is monitored and tested by professionals in the field is a more fair and equitable way of sharing those expenses. I would think routine work could be factored into HOA fees.

If you review the email I attached to my communication to the Board on September 16th from Bob Murchison, you will see that these systems are complex and not easily diagnosed. There is the acknowledgment that the issue resulted in "several outages over the past few weeks" and "we don't have an explanation for...." In fairness to Bob, he didn't have to get involved in a search for a solution. I am only citing his email to highlight how complex these systems are and should not be the responsibility of lay people.

I think protecting the water we use and drink is an investment worth making.

With Appreciation for your time,



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