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Westhampton Planning Board,

I have a conflict tonight and cannot be at your meeting. I have considered this issue and I think you know that I believe it can be a workable situation, and I believe it could improve that particular piece of land.

However, I also think there needs to be specific conditions established to protect, and comfort, the abutters. Reasonable working hours, no Sundays, and maintaining access roads, are some of the obvious ones. In addition, I think it would be wise to insure that the promises that have been stated are accomplished. A deadline on the log piles is what comes to mind the most. I would think if Mr. Cotton can process them at all, he should be held to an absolute deadline of (maybe) December 31, 2015, to be completely processed. Of course there may be new piles established during that time, in a different location, but at least it would verify that he can accomplish what he claims, and it would prove to the abutters that you held him to his word. Also, it would alleviate the concern that the logs wouldn't sit around as long as those on his Northampton property.

I wish you a peaceful meeting tonight, and am sorry I can't be there.

Good Luck,
Bill Tracy
April 15, 2014