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Mr. John Santiago, Chairman
Town of Lake George Zoning Board of Appeals
Old Post Road
Lake George, NY 12845

Re: Bazar (276.00-2-11 & 276.02-1-1)
Area Variance #26-2008

Dear Mr. Santiago:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the application material for the above referenced variance application. In addition, the applicant contacted our office and provided a site visit with their consultant describing the proposed project and requesting input on the design. Subsequently, our office has had several discussions regarding recommendations to the plan to improve water quality.

The existing drive proposed to provide access is well established with sections in excess of 15% and there will be minimal disturbance and grading associated with the access road. In addition, the owners are proposing to provide stormwater management facilities to address runoff from the existing road, which is in close proximity to a tributary of West Brook. Although the infiltration facilities will be within the 100-foot setback to a stream, the incorporation of the existing forested soils and vegetation will improve treatment and runoff quality in close proximity to the stream.

It is our opinion the applicant is making all attempts possible to minimize disturbance at the site and will be improving runoff from the existing conditions. Therefore, the Lake George Waterkeeper recommends the granting of the requested area variances based on the proposed stormwater improvements and minimal disturbance associated with the access drive.

Thank you for your consideration. The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to working with the Town of Lake George Zoning Board of Appeals in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

Christopher Navitsky, PE
Lake George Waterkeeper

cc: Brian Grisi – Adirondack Park Agency
Mike White – Lake George Park Commission



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