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Town of Skaneateles Planning Board 24 Jordan Street Skaneateles, NY 13152

Re: Josh LaGrow – 'Village Meadow Subdivision' Franklin Street Road - Tax Map # 047.-01-06.1

## NARRATIVE

The Franklin Street property is 19.16 Acres with 60 ft of road frontage located in the RR District outside the Lake Watershed Overzone. The property gently slopes to the east and drains towards a couple ditches and culverts that cross Franklin Street Road. Small residential lots abut the northeast side of the property and farmland abuts the south and west sides. A utility line crosses the north end of the property and some semi-steep land is to the west. The property is currently used for growing crops. It is within a Town water district and the soils have moderate to poor peculation. A Land Suitability Analysis below indicates the only conservation value would be in the current agricultural field and possible moderate sloped land in one area.

Josh LaGrow is interested in proposing a develop of eight, two acre residential lots for moderate sized homes that would appeal to families, being close to the Village, on a **private** road. The property has one acre of steep slope area greater than 12% and 0.16 acres of utility easement resulting in 18.0 acres of buildable land. There are no wetlands or watercourses according to the Town's Environmental Resources Planning Map. A new **private** road, no longer than 800 feet with a cul-de-sac will serve the proposed 8 new lots and a 66 ft wide strip would continue to the adjacent farmland to the west. This road would consume about 1.5 acres. Each lot would have at least the required 150 ft of frontage on the road. A sidewalk is included on the north side of the new road from the cul-de-sac down to Franklin Street. In that the septic systems will be raised beds or alternative systems, larger lot sizes are necessary vs smaller Conservation subdivision lots. Storm water areas have been contemplated along the Northeast side of the property.

The only waiver required would be for the existing 60 ft lot width for a **Private** Road at Franklin Street for a distance of 200 ft whereas 66 ft is required. Section 131-2.B.6 allows the Planning board to grant a waiver to this. A 66 ft wide strip of land dedicated to the Town, would extend to the adjacent lot for potential future tie in, but because this is unlikely, the permanent cul-de-sac is added instead of a temporary hammer head. The cul-de-sac with a circle road would be the required 100 ft minimum outside diameter and less than 800 ft back from Franklin Street with the allowed eight lots on it. **To provide an appropriate graded road with low slope at the entrance to Franklin Street, retaining walls will be incorporated into the grading plan.** Dedicated public water lines would be extended into the development with fire hydrant. Drainage easements and a Town Drainage district would be established. Relevant Code Sections have been provided

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with earlier submissions. An HOA will be formed to manage and maintain the private roads, retaining walls, sidewalks and stormwater BMP facilities.

Conservation Subdivision options have been explored for this site and each lot could be as small as one half acre. From past experience, this make for a tight lot with an alternative septic system and expansion area to have a reasonable sized family home with decks and potential swimming pools. It is also a goal to have a **traditional style** street with sidewalk rather than a narrower, private conservation road and shared driveways.

## **Land Suitability Analysis**

Existing Land Use: This property is in the RR District outside the Lake Watershed Overzone. The property is primarily a agricultural field with a small portion growing into natural succession. The adjacent property is a large agricultural field to the west and south. To the northeast are residential lots that are 0.5 to 1.5 acres in size and have single family dwellings on them. The subject lot is 19 acres of mostly crop land that is not of high quality.

**Steep Slopes:** This property has no steep slopes over 30% grade. A section of steep slope between 12% and 30% occurs on the west side of the property 43,500 SF in area. Smaller, patches of slopes between 12% and 30%, less than 30 ft wide are east of this area and are not regulated by Town zoning. There are no significant steep slope areas of high conservation value and limited areas of moderate conservation value.

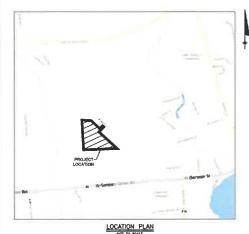
Farm Land and Wildlife Habitat: The property is mostly moderate value farm land surrounded by a hedgerow or residential lots. This area supports native Central NY wildlife such as deer, rabbits, woodchucks, squirrels, raccoons, birds. Land to the south and west of the property is active agricultural fields. The western half of this property has moderate conservation value for farm land.

**View Shed:** The property is not visible from public roads in that it is surrounded by residential lots and is relatively low sloping land. There are limited views from the property on to other lands, mostly at the western half of the property. The land has low conservation values for view sheds.

Wetland Buffers and Watercourse: The property has no wetlands or water courses on it. Federal wetlands and a watercourse are located over 1,000 feet to the west. The property drains to the east. This property in not in the Lake Watershed Overzone. The land has no conservation value for wetlands or watercourses.

**Overall Land Suitability Assessment:** Considering the above factors, the western portion of the property has moderate conservation value for agricultural and steep sloped areas. The north east side of the property has low conservation value and is surrounded by small residential lots.

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