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Megan:

I wanted to submit some additional public comment on the Natures Health Group application for this Thursday evening.

It is simple and will add to the letter submitted by the various homeowners on Shale Lane.

Under the most recent ordinance, 55.4.6.4.4.1.6 provides that a reduced setback may be provided "with the express written consent of qualified officials or representatives..." The Freshwater School Board has not provided such **express** consent.

There is a provision that allows a lower set back to school bus stops with a special permit if it can be demonstrated that the cultivation site would not be detrimental to students due to site specific conditions. **However**, the analysis of that issue in the staff report is wholly deficient. It ignores the fact that the ingress-egress to the cultivation site (where the primary traffic will occur) is on the west side of the property approximately 300' onto Shale lane. This is the private road that the school children will be traversing, typically by foot to catch the bus. It also ignores the fact that, on their way to the bus stop, children will be able to see cultivation areas and activities from that ingress / egress.

I would also note that the owners of this property don't contribute financially to the Shale Lane Road Association.

To grant a waiver or reduced setback in these circumstances would be to render the setback requirement meaningless. It would send the message that the 600' setback was passed just to appease the public, but that it actually isn't being enforced.

Sincerely,  
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