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RE: 136 Lake Street CAC Review

Dear Planning Board Chair

The CAC was provided incomplete materials for review of the proposed project at 136 Lake Street and we were waiting for a site plan and the comments from the Engineer as quoted in the letter.

The building was not well identified and the CAC conducted a site visit to the property and we were unsure of which part of the structure the application referred to that is why we requested clarification.

We applaud a new business moving into the city but there were certain issues that needed clarification.

If it is the portion of the structure that needs a new roof then the roof drains should be addressed to prevent runoff into Muchattoes Lake.

Grease trap and storage as well as trash storage should have been well defined, again, to prevent pollution of Muchattoes Lake and the Quassaick Creek.

There also appears to be an encroachment of pavement into the city owned buffer property abutting the lake. Consideration should have been given to removing the encroachment if present; and requiring drainage swales, permeable pavement and the directing of roof rainwater runoff into a permeable area to prevent direct dirty runoff. Runoff crossing the pavement has the potential of polluting the lake from a variety of sources.

The Federal Coastal Consistency Assessment Form 1. j) could not be responded to as it appears there is the possibility of the draining of storm water runoff into coastal waters so that answer is probably incorrect.

Further, 4. "will the proposed activity occur within or affect.... local waterfront revitalization program?" The answer is clearly yes and the applicant, planners and board should be well aware of this. The applicant clearly did not consult the appropriate document.

Respectfully Submitted

Chuck Thomas, Chair, CAC

Cc: Planning Board
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