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Mr. Curt Stiles
Commissioner
Adirondack Park Agency
Route 86
Ray Brook, NY 12977

Dear Mr. Stiles:

At our annual membership meeting the issue of the placement of the proposed joint Harrietstown/Saranac Lake sand and salt shed was discussed. Your agency has approved the placement of this joint shed on Munn Road in Saranac Lake. Several Village trustees have opposed this location, suggesting a shift from the 38 acre Town lot on John Munn Road to the existing 3 acre Village lot on Van Buren Street. At our meeting it was unanimously agreed that the current APA permit is correct, and that expanding the existing facility at Van Buren Street would not only be visually unacceptable but would further endanger Lake Colby.

Our Association has been documenting the point-source pollution running from the existing sand/salt pile on Van Buren Street for five years as documented on our web site (www.LakeColby.org) and in multiple messages to the Village and NYSDEC. The resulting deterioration in the water quality on Lake Colby is significant, with increased chlorides and electrolytes well above normal for an Adirondack lake.

Even if under the cover of a new shed the Van Buren Street location presents unacceptable risks to the lake, as it is directly in the runoff path to the lake via a brook that is frequently fast-flowing.

We request your agency's intervention in this political process, preemptively advising the Village of Saranac Lake that you will not consider modification of your existing permit to the Van Buren site due to its inadequate size, placement in the watershed, and the unacceptable height of the shed from a visual impact standpoint in that location.

Sincerely,

For the Lake Colby Association
Debbie Neill, Secretary