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Executive Director Kristy Senatori
Cape Cod Commission
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Dear Executive Director Senatori:

The Town of Mashpee would look favorably upon an adjusted nitrogen fee that reflects the assumptions proposed by the Island Pickle applicant (actual flow exclusive of pavement and roof, $414.5 per kg) but applied over the 20-year base period. The resultant fee would be 23.97 x 414.5 x 20 = $198,711.00. This amount falls between the amount proposed by the Commission and that sought by the applicant.

The Town views this project as a beneficial one for the community. The applicant has gone well above the minimum for nutrient control through use of an alternative septic system and stormwater management. The Town therefore finds merit in reliance on actual versus design flows and for removal of stormwater flows from the fee calculations.

The town diverges from the applicant's assessment that the Phase 5 sewer can be expected in 13 years. The Town's Nitrogen Management Plan is phased and relies on a combination of sewer extension and aquaculture to meet the overall nitrogen load reduction for the estuaries. As an adaptive plan, the town will advance through stages until the water quality goals are met. This means Phase 5 may never happen if earlier efforts achieve the required outcome. The Town cannot stand behind a blanket statement that Phase 5 will be online in 13 years. If it happens at all, it will likely not be online within 13 years and as such that element is not something the Town supports as part of a fee waiver calculation.

I hope this clarifies the Town of Mashpee position on this project, its relationship to our Nitrogen Management Plan and the application of the facts to the place type from the RPP; all being factors you must consider in the DRI process.

Sincerely,

RODNEY C. COLLINS
Mashpee Town Manager