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Applicant's Statements November 6, 2023 re: Lupine Meadow
to the Planning Commission of Columbia County, Oregon

The Nay Sayers across Tide Creek Road have several general categories of attack, some of which will be retorted to here. This is not to add to the lengthy, and, from the opponents, mostly irrelevant and false information furnished. It is provided to shed the light of truth onto a canvas that is clearly out of whack. The categories include, among others:

1. Character Assassination of John Allan Petersen, deceased May, 2018.
2. The Subdivision will cause more traffic and there must be a T.I.A.
3. There is a slide on Tide Creek Road which must be my fault because we asked to put in 8 houses on Tide Creek Road at Lupine Meadow.
4. The Wells Petersens drilled took the opponents' water, or some-such.

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The real John Allan Petersen


The opposition statements.

The nastiest comments come from the fellow with the large "Trump" signs across the road from Lupine Meadow. Does he follow the law? Columbia County has an ordinance requiring political signs to be taken down less than 4 years after an election. You might ask, "Are these political signs?" This fellow is also very insistent about his lack of water. Did he build a large graceful shop in an area where a well might be drilled and function for him so he can water his plants? Should he think about priorities, such as "should I spend my money on getting water, or on building a shop or on fighting with the fellow across the street, who has been dead for more than 5 years." The character assassination does not stop with the father. All John's children are also the targets of the diatribes that have been written and inserted into the record. Be careful everyone as you are dealing with the money-grubbing Petersen family. And the honorable man who opposes this project knows truth better than anyone.

Insert the name of John Allan Petersen for “Caesar” throughout the following paragraph from the Play Julius Caesar and there you have it. Insert any name that you think fits for Brutus.

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him. The evil that men do lives after them; **The good is oft interred with their bones;** So let it be with Caesar. The noble Brutus told you Caesar was ambitious: If it were so, it was a grievous fault, And grievously hath Caesar answered it. Here, under leave of Brutus and the rest—For Brutus is an honourable man; So are they all, all honourable men—Come I to speak in Caesar’s funeral. He was my friend, faithful and just to me: But Brutus says he was ambitious; And Brutus is an honourable man. He hath brought many captives home to Rome Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill: Did this in Caesar seem ambitious? When that the poor have cried, Caesar hath wept: Ambition should be made of sterner stuff: Yet Brutus says he was ambitious; And Brutus is an honourable man. You all did see that on the Lupercal I thrice presented him a kingly crown, Which he did thrice refuse: was this ambition? Yet Brutus says he was ambitious; And, sure, he is an honourable man. I speak not to disprove what Brutus spoke, But here I am to speak what I do know. You all did love him once, not without cause: What cause withholds you then, to mourn for him? O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts, And men have lost their reason. Bear with me; My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,

And I must pause till it come back to me.

Karma 

When people insult you, don't take offense, don't take it personally, but do listen to their words. They are telling you how they see the world, and they are telling you the exact negative qualities that they possess. "The Law of Mirrors" states that one can only see what's in them, regardless if it is what is actually present in reality or not. Release the need to defend or try to explain to them that you're not being whatever-nasty-insult-they've-thrown-at-you, but evaluate instead all of these insults, and realize that this is who they are. Then, decide if a person with those qualities is one who you'd like in your life or not.

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(since the objectors placed various copies of this and that into the record, I took the license from them to do the same. Agnes Marie Petersen.)

John Allan Petersen's obituary was submitted for the record the first time we filed the application for Lupine Meadow. It is not in this record but the applicant's knowledge of John Allan Petersen follows.

John was the hardest-working and most dependable man I ever have met. He was loving to all. He loved children and was the support and care for his parents and his mother-in-law. He would help any neighbor with any project or with any need that they had. He would stop when someone broke down and help them get onto the road again, no matter how much time was needed to be invested. He worked from sun-up to sun-down and never asked anyone to do anything he was not willing to do himself. He extended his hands of help to all, and worked until October 16, 2017, when he was dying of cancer. He wanted to keep on living because he said he had 300 more years of work to do. He talked in sentences of 5 words or less which summed up the heart of the matter in a way that was memorable. He wore Frisco Jeans and suspenders, striped shirts and wool under wear. His logger background showed in what he wore and what he thought and who he was. He could fix anything mechanical and besides loving children, old folks, dogs and cats and all animals. He visited with all the people who lived on Tide Creek, and beyond. He saw to it that Camp 18 ended up with the large saw from the St Helens Mill. You can see it there. His heart is hurt by the nastiness some of the objectors have put in this record.

2. The Subdivision will cause more traffic and there must be a T.I.A.

Applicant immediately agreed to an extension of time for the record so a proper Traffic Analysis could be documented by a qualified Engineer. The request came from the Columbia County Road Department, and rather than whining about it, we immediately got one of the best engineering firms in Oregon to do the work to satisfy this requirement. It is now satisfied. The county agency asking for it is apparently now satisfied. Like much of the other information from opponents, they did not get an engineer, they just snipe away at whatever the applicant has done. There is a rule in the law about evidence which says: ORS 10.095 Evidence is to be estimated, not only by its own intrinsic weight, but also according to the evidence which it is in the power of one side to produce and of the other to contradict; and, therefore, **That if weaker and less satisfactory evidence is offered when it appears that stronger and more satisfactory was within the power of the party, the evidence**

offered should be viewed with distrust. Objectors presented weaker evidence than they could and the view of the Planning Commission should be to distrust what they offered. Distrust is a very strong word.

Opponents have hired a lawyer to help them and he, of all persons, should be aware of that rule of law as to how matters are decided in a Courtroom of Law in Oregon. Where is the better evidence presented by him and his clients to buttress their position? Just asking. He also should know the rules of law about Res Judicata.

For about 20 years Applicant has been working on the Measure 37 and 49 claims since they were adopted in 2004 and finished in 2010. She followed the laws to get Lupine Meadow to where it is now. When yet another requirement was asked to be met, she met it. In the first application the opposition, inter alia, raised their claims about wet land concerns. Those have been addressed. Applicant submitted an Engineer's report to take care of those issues.

Applicant submitted an Engineer's report to take care of the non-existent traffic concerns. There are no legitimate traffic or wet land issues at all.

3.The Slide on Tide Creek Road

This slide must be my fault because we asked to put in 8 houses on Tide Creek Road at Lupine Meadow. Some opponents complained that John Allan Petersen told them they were building in a slide area. They are still non-plussed over this. Mr. Petersen was right when he tried to shed the light of truth onto their projects, and his statements to them have been verified by:

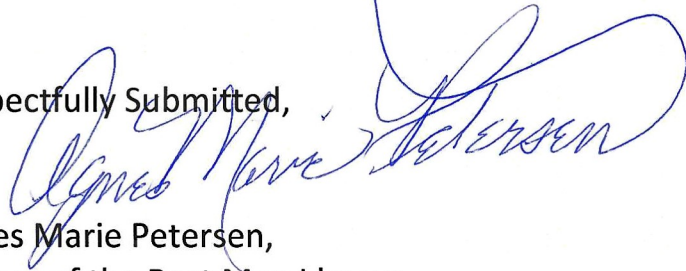
- 1) The information from the State of Oregon Department of Transportation Dr. of Geology and the photographs which he sent to us and we put in the record, and
- 2) The county staff's own information furnished about the slide areas that have been designated in the record. So, shoot the messenger who told you that you were building in a slide area.

5. The Wells Petersens drilled took opponents' water –

The opposition misses the point. The requirement to divide land is proof of sufficient water. Petersens have proved that there is sufficient water for the project. DONE. Last meeting one Commissioner wisely pointed out that the Petersen Wells should not be blamed for the oppositions' lack of sufficient water from their wells. Nothing has been taken from the 3 wells recently drilled, of which they bitterly complain. The requirement is plain and simple and the Petersen project has proved adequate water is available for the project.

There are many other non-issues that have been blasted onto the record of this application, but they are without merit. The opposition has followed the maxim, throw everything at the wall and maybe, just maybe, something will stick.

Respectfully Submitted,



Agnes Marie Petersen,
Widow of the Best Man I know.