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To whom it may concern:

On January 13, 2016 I posted the following comments on the CRS Alumni Forum. The opinions expressed in the post followed my review of the Crawford Report.

Dear Friends,

As a concerned alum and a practicing architect (for over 20 years), I reviewed the Crawford report and I find myself concerned with the conclusions presented. The stated purpose of the report was to determine what work was needed so that the Red Hook site could be opened for the 2016 summer session. While it is clear from the report that the campsite needs substantial upgrading, I am not convinced that the full scope of work detailed in the report is required in order to provide an operational and safe facility for 2016.

The evidence presented and used to justify a complete overhaul of the sewer and water systems appears to be insufficient. The feasibility and legal implications of repairing the existing systems have not been adequately pursued. Questions remain as to what permits are current and in force. Also, additional and more complete testing of the existing system components is needed. Further consultation with local building and safety officials is needed.

In regards to the water system, the report does state that it is fair condition but that it needs modifications for the 2016 season. It further states that additional updates or replacement of the water system could be completed in the future. However, the costs provided (\$223,730) are for a complete replacement – which would trigger a permit modification. This does not address the cost of simply repairing the existing approved system (if needed) so that is useable and safe for the 2016 season.

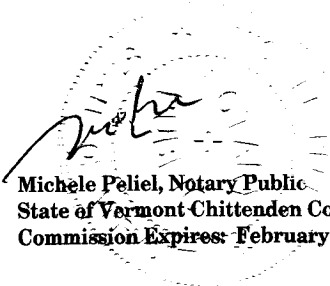
As for the septic/sewer system(s), the report states that they are severely deteriorated and do not comply with current code. However, this is based mostly on visual inspection with no real testing. Also, it is my experience that an existing approved system can continue to serve a facility as long as the use and load (flows based on occupancy) are not changed and the system functions as intended. Clearly, these systems need work, but I'm not convinced that a complete overhaul at a cost of \$349,700 is needed.

In sum, my fear is that the BOD has used an incomplete and possibly flawed report as the basis for its decision to scuttle the 2016 Red Hook season. I would urge the powers that be to revisit the report's conclusions.

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Sincerely,

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