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To South Kingstown Zoning Board Members,

Salt Ponds Coalition is the official watershed council designated by the State of Rhode Island to advocate for the coastal salt ponds since 1985.

I am writing on behalf of our board of directors and our environmental committee to express our concern over the petition of 629 Succotash Road, LLC d/b/a Matunuck Oyster Bar for a *Special Use Permit* under the zoning ordinance to make permanent the existing tent over exterior dining areas.

In your deliberations, we are requesting that the Zoning Board examine and report on the relationship between the existing septic capacity of the restaurant and the incremental number of patrons that can be served because of this change. We suspect that the current onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) may not be able to handle the proposed expansion.

Our foremost concern is the health of Potter Pond, a fragile and environmentally sensitive natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Respectfully,

Alicia Schaffner
Executive Director

Cc: Jeff Willis, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council