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This document is intended to compliment the report related to the authority and governance letter and the full meeting minutes. The following is a list of "concerns" regarding the settlement details that were raised in the meeting with the Conservation Committee on February 4th.

1. Why are the deed restrictions excluded from Parcel E?
2. The Water Department priority for a new water source/new wells is to take the current exploration (near the golf course) to its logical conclusion. That will define the urgency for the next areas. Within 364 West St, the shallow wells which were raised as a potential source by the latest environmental desk top study would be the first priority. With the more expensive bedrock wells identified in the earlier fly over trace fracture study being the last in the list.
3. What happens if the locations from desk top study locations are discovered to be off during the actual exploration phase, by a distance that bumps up against the easements, restrictions? It would not be unusual for these to be off by a margin that could impact the distances listed in the settlement.
4. The DEP is the ultimate authority over the water source. Is there a way to incorporate that requirement and the decisions they may render into this settlement?
5. How are abutter issues being addressed? Upton State Forest, Carpenter Rd, Water Rights and the abutting land owners seem to be missing their normal notice, planning board analysis and appeals protections.
6. The unconditional support of all grants ties the hands of all oversight boards (Conservation, Health, Planning, and WS), currently and into the future.
7. Regarding relocating wetlands to an abutter, that process appears to be rather complicated. What happens if that can not be done?
8. Is there a liability associated with Parcel D?
9. If the impact to the watershed does negatively affect the water supply, is the Town at risk for this issue to the downstream communities?
10. The existing gas pipeline and 'organic farming' were raised as questions. Not sure what, if anything, either may impact but because this was the first time either was raised, we thought we'd pass that along.

Note: The Conservation Committee's recap will probably cover items 6 - 9 in better detail, as part of the road/bridge concerns in Parcel C and impact of development in Parcels B and E.