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Comments on proposed settlement re Spinney construction

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.Dear Alna Selectboard and Town Clerk,

I am not an Alna resident and would likely not be allowed to speak at your meeting this evening. Nonetheless, as an owner of 1000 feet of Sheepscot frontage just down river from the Spinney property, I feel very strongly that the proposed settlement of the outstanding litigation between the Town of Alna and Mt. Spinney is both surprising and unwise, and I oppose it.

As an attorney for 48 years and a retired judge, I have handled, presided over and mediated thousands of complex matters in litigation. Litigation such as that between the Town of Alna and Mr. Spinney is rarely, if ever, settled on such favorable terms as is being proposed here unless the Town has concluded that it has a significant likelihood of not prevailing. If I were an Alna taxpayer, I would be very offended by this proposal. While I do not know the details of how this matter has proceeded in the Superior Court and presume your town counsel is cognizant of this, this ramp is illegal, was constructed in a blatantly defiant manner and with full knowledge that it was being done illegally. I question how any reasonable person would agree to allow it to remain and without any penalty, including attorneys' fees, being imposed on Mr. Spinney under these circumstances.

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