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**Subject:** FW: SECOND RESENDING: Leelanau County Exec. Brd. Session of the Leelanau County Commission 12/8/20, Agenda Item 10 "Potential Septic Ordinance".  
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Greetings All Leelanau County Commissioners: **Please acknowledge receipt of this email.**  
 Thank you. spm

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**The following info exists as to directory last updates on the County website at 11 PM 12/13/20. It seems odd if new/changed addresses inserted recently, a more recent update would be so indicated...**

**\*Commissioners Directory Page indicates: "This page last updated 2/6/2014."**

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To Leelanau County Commissioners: December 7, 2020 20201208lccexmtg

Subject: Leelanau County Exec. Brd. Session of the Leelanau County Commission 12/8/20, Agenda Item 10 “**Potential Septic Ordinance**”.

Dear Commissioners:

We respectfully request that the Executive Committee not act on this Agenda Item. It is not an issue to resolve! We are unaware that electors of Leelanau County see this as a crisis and lawfully petitioned this commission to act on it.

We believe that Leelanau County must perform the ministerial and administrative activities (duties) of government to provide county inhabitants the **mandatory services** as required by law and other **essential** services. Beyond that, the county should only address any items/projects that Leelanau County Electors lawfully petition for (a rarity). That means Commissioners should not self-initiate (personal belief) projects on their own.

We have attended most of Leelanau County Commission meetings since 1989. *We've read pages 83 thru 94 of the Meeting Packet.* This Item appears to be at least the 20<sup>th</sup> reiteration of an attempt to establish an unnecessary, unneeded septic ordinance. It seems to indicate that some commissioners believe (virtue signaling) that residents/homeowners/inhabitants are unable to be self-reliant to properly take care of their needs. And, that only a larger more costly unnecessary bureaucracy can save us from ourselves and our unhealthy ways... This latest effort, as always, appears unsupported by a properly prepared report demonstrating need, necessity, justification. If this was such an important issue/crisis it would have been dealt\* with by the state many, many years ago.

Appears odd at this pandemic time this Item becomes ‘important’ again. It seems commissioners have little else to do but conduct unnecessary/unproductive meetings (with the public always absent) merely to collect their stipend, meeting fees of \$40.00 or \$80.00 and collect mileage to attend.

Where are the medical, hospital reports and death certificates proving that on-site septic systems in Leelanau County have caused great harm...? Where is/are the County/State Health Dept. report(s) advising same as well as advising the county that these government agencies are unable to properly protect county residents thus, demanding the county adopt a septic ordinance?\*

It's understandable that commissioners want to protect the environment but the above noted meeting document fails to discuss/address all the\* animal kingdom residing around us who excrete fecal matter on the land and waters. Perhaps it has been deemed by some commissioners that\* such excretions do not exist and unlike humans, the animal kingdom's fecal matter is harmless...

Again, we respectfully request that the Executive Committee not act on this Agenda Item.

Thank you for your interest.

Stephen Mikowski