

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2013  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Mark Nickerson, Holly Cheeseman, Kevin Seery, Rob Wilson,  
Rose Ann Hardy.

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items  
There were none.

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Dec 19 2013 AT 11:40 AM/PM  
BROCK D. STORUM ATC  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1c. Delegations

William Sawicky of 425 Drosdick Drive, Groton, CT noted he was the owner of 224 Chesterfield Road and he wanted to be afforded the same attention and review that others had received in trying to sell the Town of East Lyme open space property. He read a detailed letter into the record and added he would supply a copy to the Town in the near future to be attached to these minutes as Attachment A.

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of December 4, 2013

MOTION (1)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting for December 4, 2013.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Nickerson moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of December 18, 2013 in the amount of \$499.49.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Formica suggested acting on Item 2b., Resolution: Flanders Plaza Conservation Easement first.

2B. Resolution: Flanders Plaza Conservation Easement

Town Planner Gary Goeschel was present and noted that as part of the East Lyme Planning Commission's approval of a subdivision of the Flanders Plaza property, it required that a conservation easement be imposed on the portion of the property which abuts Latimer Brook. He said that Town Attorney O'Connell suggests that if the Board determines that it is appropriate, they should vote to accept the easement that is being proposed to be granted to the Town.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Nickerson moved the following:

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RESOLVED: that the East Lyme Board of Selectmen accepts the conservation easement proposed by GPF-Flanders Plaza, LLC submitted in connection with the approval of a subdivision plan by the East Lyme Planning Commission. The easement premises consists of a strip of land along Latimer Brook and are more particularly described in the easement document.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Move the following appointments:

Commission on Aging:

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Joan Bengtson of 67 Walnut Hill Road, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Commission on Aging through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint John Whritner of 4 Blueberry Lane, Niantic, CT

Barbara R. Smith of 2 Clark Lane, Niantic, CT

Marge Caste of 4 Windfall Lane, Niantic, CT

to serve on the Commission on Aging through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

Building Code of Appeals:

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint:

Paul J. Baker Jr. of 8 Bishop Bay Drive, Niantic, CT

Eugene Schultz of 24 Scott Road, East Lyme, CT

John Cutillo III of 74 Fairhaven Road, Niantic, CT 06357

to serve on the Building Code of Appeals through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

Cable TV Advisory:

MOTION (7)

Ms. Hardy moved to appoint Robert Vogel of 49 Webster Road, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Cable TV Advisory through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Deputy Fire Marshals:

MOTION (8)

Ms. Hardy moved to appoint Donald Marr of 29 Mayfield Terrace, East Lyme, CT,

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Evan Haynes of 83 Lovers Lane, East Lyme, CT and Christopher Taylor of 9 Monticello Drive, East Lyme, CT 06333 to serve as Deputy Fire Marshals for the Town of East Lyme through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (9)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Nicholas Merola of 15 Goodwin Street, Niantic, CT to serve as Deputy Director of Emergency Management through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

East Lyme Harbor Management / Shellfish:

MOTION (10)

MR. Nickerson moved to appoint William Mountzoures of 88 Smith Street, Niantic, CT Joseph Hitchery of 32 Bishop Bay Road, Niantic, CT and Barbara Johnston of 35 Seacrest Avenue, Niantic, CT to serve on the EL Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Town Historian:

MOTION (11)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Elizabeth Kuchta of 154 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT to serve as Town Historian through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

Historic Properties Commission:

MOTION (12)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Stephen Marks – Hamilton of 39 Sunnieside Drive, Niantic, CT, Luane Lange of 160 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT and Burt Hobby of 33 Upper Pattagansett Road, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Historic Properties Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (13)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Elizabeth H. Murphy of 30 Saunders Drive and Richard Waterman of 11 Lake Avenue Ext., Niantic, CT to serve as alternates to the Historic Properties Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Inland Wetlands Commission

MOTION (14)

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Mr. Wilson moved to appoint:

Cheryl Lozanov of 9 West Society Road, East Lyme, CT, Charles Reluga of 10 Bronson Street, Niantic, CT and Keith Hall of 35 Webster Road, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Inland Wetlands Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Conservation of Natural Resources:

MOTION (15)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Marvin Schutt of 29 N. Edgewood Road, Niantic, CT, Thomas W. Kalal of 80 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, CT and Mark James Christiansen of 66 Grassy Hill Road to serve on the Conservation of Natural Resources through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Niantic River Watershed Board:

MOTION (16)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint John Jasper of 8 Old Oak Lane, Niantic, CT and Marvin Schutt of 29 N. Edgewood Road, Niantic, CT to serve on the Niantic River Watershed Board through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (17)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Donald Danila of 24 Pattagansett Drive, East Lyme, CT to serve as an Alternate on the Niantic River Watershed Board through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

Niantic River Gateway:

MOTION (18)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Mark H. Powers of 4 Round Rock Road, Niantic, CT and Paul F. Whitehouse of 3 West Road, Niantic, CT to serve on the Niantic River Gateway through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (19)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Ron Stevens of 1 Cherry Street, Niantic, CT to serve on the Niantic River Gateway Commission through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

SCRRRA:

MOTION (20)

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Ms. Hardy moved to appoint Joseph Bragaw of 19 Attawan Avenue, Niantic, CT to serve as our representative to SCRRA through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

SCWA Advisory Board:

MOTION (21)

Ms. Hardy moved to appoint Paul M. Formica of 20 A Bush Hill Drive, Niantic, CT to serve on the Southeastern CT Water Advisory Board through August 31, 2015.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

SEAT:

Mr. Formica noted that it has been decided that all of the member CEO's will serve on the SEAT Board since they are moving in a more regional direction than in the past. He thanked F. Kent Sistare for all of his work and effort expended on the SEAT Board in the past.

MOTION (22)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Paul M. Formica of 20A Bush Hill Drive, Niantic, CT to serve as our representative to SEAT through December 7, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

SE CT Tourism Representative:

MOTION (23)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Pierce F. Connair of 3 Winchester Court South, East Lyme, CT to serve as the SE CT Tourism Representative for the Town of East Lyme through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Smith Harris Commission:

MOTION (24)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Gary Lakowsky of 12 Methodist Street, Niantic, CT, Margaret Prokop of 52 Lovers Lane, East Lyme, CT and Richard MacDonald of 23 Hopkins Drive, Niantic, CT to the Smith Harris Commission to serve through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (25)

Mr. Nickerson moved to appoint Darlene DeLaura of 50 Prospect Avenue, Niantic, CT to serve on the Smith Harris Commission through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0,

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Parks and Recreation:

MOTION (26)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Patrick Larkin of 14 Oak Hill Drive, Niantic, CT, Milan Keser of 8 Kevin Road, Niantic, CT and Roger Nadeau of 22 S. Cobblers Court, Niantic, CT to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Town Building Committee:

MOTION (27)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Jerry Fortier of 13 N. Ledge Rock Road, Niantic, CT, Gerald P. Burkhardt of 15 Ferro Drive, John Rhodes of 6 Seebeck Road, East Lyme, CT and Abraham I. Fisher of 18 Sunnyside Drive, Niantic, CT to serve on the Town Building Committee through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Town Meeting Moderator:

MOTION (28)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Eugene C. Cushman of 184 Upper Pattagansett Road, East Lyme, CT to serve as Town Meeting Moderator through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (29)

Ms. Cheeseman moved to appoint Pierce F. Connair of 3 Winchester Road South as the Deputy Town Moderator through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Town Treasurer Assistant:

MOTION (30)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Scott E. Fraser of 83 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme, CT to serve as the Town Treasurer Assistant through December 5, 2017.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

MOTION (31)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Cathy Wilson of 224 Ledyard Street, New London, CT to serve as the Municipal Agent for the Elderly through January 4, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

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TVCCA:

MOTION (32)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Steve Kelley of 8 Joval Street, East Lyme, CT to serve as our representative to TVCCA through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

Veterans Representative:

MOTION (33)

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Cheryl Six of 31 Sleepy Hollow Road, Niantic, CT to serve as the Veteran's Representative for the Town of East Lyme through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

Waterford / East Lyme Shellfish Commission:

MOTION (34)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Peter D. Harris of 5 South Ridge Road, Niantic, CT and Paul E. Spakowski of 37 Mill Road, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Waterford / E: Shellfish Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed 6-0.

Water and Sewer Commission:

MOTION (35)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint David J. Murphy of 490 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, CT, Stephen DiGiovanna of 1 Old Oak Lane, Niantic, CT, and Joseph J. Mingo of 397 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Water and Sewer Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Youth Services Commission:

MOTION (36)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Lawrence H. O'Connell of 81 E. Pattagansett Road, Niantic, CT, Paul S. Lapides of 39 Romagna Road, Niantic, CT, Ann Loder Block of 28 Stonewood Drive, Niantic, CT and Julie D. Dowling of 24 Huntley Court, Niantic, CT to serve on the Youth Services Commission through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

MOTION (37)

Ms. Hardy moved to appoint William Mountzoures of 88 Smith Street, Niantic, CT and John M. Smith of 2 Clarks Lane, Niantic, CT to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals through January 8, 2018.

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Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

#### MOTION (38)

Ms. Hardy moved to appoint Kevin Mace of 25 Pattagansett Drive, East Lyme, CT to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate through January 8, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Seery. Motion passed 6-0.

#### 3. Continued Discussion – Police Committee

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Seery noted that they had met and that they had been contacted by a number of people wishing to serve on this committee.

Mr. Formica noted that he had a list of six individuals who had contacted him.

Mr. Wilson suggested that they meet with Mr. Formica and then come back with their recommendations at the January meeting.

#### 5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Seery noted he attended Harbor Management where they officially welcomed Dick Morris as the new Harbor Master. Mr. Dinsmore was elected as Chair and they had a report from WELSCO about the rain gauge and a 2 year lease renewal agreement. He also attended Inland Wetlands where they approved a permit to remove the buildings and site work at Yankee Clipper.

Ms. Hardy had no report but wished the Board “Merry Christmas”.

Mr. Wilson attended the Niantic Center School Holiday Choir event and then the Middle School event this evening and it was all very good. He thanked all those involved in the Light Parade and said holding it on a Saturday night was great.

Ms. Cheeseman attended the Zoning Commission meeting where Mr. Salerno was re-elected as Chair and Mr. Walker as Secretary. She noted that they had approved a studio apartment over the former antique store on West Main Street.

Mr. Nickerson had no report.

#### 5b. First Selectman’s Report

Mr. Formica noted that he was just starting the budget process with department heads.

He attended a Board of Finance meeting where the Auditors offered their draft report which noted that the town was in a strong fiscal position.

He attended a trends in Health care seminar which concentrates on well care instead of sick care.

He attended a fund raiser for Save the River, Save the Hills.

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He noted that the Light Parade was a great success and thanked Dominion for their donation of funding for the fire works. He thanked all the merchants and the public safety personnel.

He attended a holiday luncheon department head meeting hosted by the Library which was very enjoyable.

He chaired a Water and Sewer meeting.

He was at Flanders School for Wreaths across America where they presented wreaths to two gold star families and gave a wreath to the town and one to the Board of Education on their way to Arlington Cemetery. He said that on Friday, he met with some Veterans and placed the town wreath on Liberty Green.

He attended the funeral service for Bob Pierce.

He served as the Master of Ceremonies for an athletic banquet where all sports with the exception of football were honored. He added that they would be having this event every two years.

He attended a Council of Government meeting where they welcomed the new Chair Salem's First Selectman Kevin Lyden and he ended his year of Chairing and they welcomed the new Chair Salem's First Selectman Kevin Lyden. He noted that they would be expanding the membership.

He went to the Governor's mansion for a holiday breakfast.

He attended a M.O.R.E. Committee meeting where he is on the education subcommittee.

He has had a few meetings with citizens and he has heard a request from the Black Point Beach community to offer a presentation of golf carts in January. He also had a meeting about flood maps and how FEMA has categorized certain areas.

Mr. Nickerson said that flood insurance is due to increase a great deal over the next 10 years.

He had a meeting with CT DOT regarding Exit 74 and what their plans were. He said they originally only planned to change the deck and we suggested changing the underneath and adding 2 more lanes. He said that they are constructing the Exit 73 bridge now.

He noted that the feasibility study group for regional dispatching wanted to offer a presentation on January 8, 2014.

Public Discussion

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There was none.

MOTION (39)

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the December 18, 2013 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 8:37 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary

**From:** woodland325@comcast.net [mailto:woodland325@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 3:44 PM

**To:** Paul Formica

**Cc:** sawic344@comcast.net

**Subject:** Sawicky's Proposal

Attachment A

Good evening. My name is William Sawicky. I live at 425 Drozdyk Dr. Groton. I own and pay taxes on a track of forest land located at 224 Chesterfield Rd.

The October 21st issue of the Day newspaper was when I first learned about a Darrow Pond plan. The newspaper was my major source of information about what East Lyme officials are doing concerning 16 Mostowy Rd and Darrow Pond.

That pond is also known to me as Mostowy Pond since the Mostowy family owned it, then JC Penny and then along came other owners of 16 mostowy Rd. They took turns at ravaging what was pristine farmland, with well groomed fertile hay fields, with stone fences, with apple trees. They spent other people's money to create a mess, then moved on.

I was born and raised at 70 Mostowy road. I used Darrow pond for fishing and swimming since I was eight yrs old, without being charged with trespassing. The only thing that ever stopped me was old age. So, it's down to mostly fishing, even though I'm only 83

Having studied that newspaper article and due to my confusion and limited education, I decided to look up the meaning of some words.

1. the word perpetuity (it means for ever.
2. the word permanent (it means forever.
3. the word restriction (it means something that limits or controls something else.

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4. There is a big question (Is the word frugal It means thriftiness, avoidance of waste and involving very little expense.

The phrase permanent restriction is used in the Day article. It appears to refer to owning a pond and not being allowed to use it.

There appears to be many players involved in this Darrow Pond plan.

- \* Perhaps, to rescind or circumvent a permanent restriction that may provide access to the pond.
- \* or Perhaps players attempting to unravel something that was given-up in perpetuity.
- \* or Perhaps players attempting to settle litigation because something may have gone wrong.
- \* or Perhaps players attempting to avoid financial loss that may be due to foreclosure

This new Darrow Pond plan involves spending a lot of money and it will involve voting to approve this expenditure. By the board of selectmen, the board of finance and East Lyme taxpayers will get the final vote.

How many of the taxpaying voters will be in a position to be well informed, to be intellectually qualified to vote, to approve or disapprove this complex plan?

I remember a World War 2 movie, where a police captain observes a friend shoot and kill a Nazi Officer and then gives the order to round up the usual suspects. Will this plan be advanced, unchallenged by the usual voters? I have a big question (Is not referring to a challenge by town officials. I have a big question (Is referring to a challenge by properly informed voters and land owners.

Perhaps I need to seek something like intervenor status, for more, then stand here and read questions. I need to be in a position to ask questions and get answers on behalf of myself and other voters, to ensure that all this activity involving 16 Mostoway Rd. and the Darrow Pond plan doesn't have an adverse affect on the marketing value of adjacent land, or the potential for avoidable litigation.

\* Is it allowable for an owner of land, that attaches an easement or permanent restriction on that land, to become the owner of that easement or permanent restriction, whereby being in a position to sell that easement or permanent restriction to a future owner of that land, who wishes to void that easement or permanent restriction for any reason?

\* Through what process will the purchase of additional land provide public access to the pond?

I understand the distinction between conservation and preservation, but what is the distinction between permanent restrictions and easements relating to this Darrow pond plan?

\* Exactly where is this land that will permit public access to Darrow pond by acquisition?

\* Exactly which part of the pond is the 7 acres located? How is this 7 acres of water accessed?

\* How will the increased traffic affect the value and cost for the future marketing of adjacent land?

\* Is the acquisition of this land and water restricted only through a Land Trust?

\* Is the town limited to apply for a taxpayer funded money grant only when dealing with a tax exempt Land Trust?

\* Are town officials willing to consider another proposal to purchase land, that may provide public access to the pond, or may not?

\* What role can the words in the Conn. Statutes play in this Darrow Pond plan? Chapter 822

Let's examine the possibility of my becoming a player in this Darrow pond plan, in

the spirit of equal opportunity. Joining the other players that appear to be rallying around a proverbial money tree, who appear to believe that applying for grant money is free money.

Over three years ago voters approved spending around 350 thousand dollars to purchase a gas station.

Upon reading about this purchase in the newspaper, and in my excitement about this liberal spending, I submitted a proposal; for the voters to purchase my wildlife habitat, as they did with the gas station.

My research didn't show that there was an executive session to discuss my proposal, nor did I find it on any agenda for a vote, nor did I receive a response as to why not.

Having my proposal handled as it was and having read about liberal spending for property after property,

I became interested in the word prejudice, which means, in part, causing disadvantage or harm, to somebody or something.

Looking back at how the board of selectmen handled my proposal, I now realize why the board appeared to have no interest in my proposal and why I'm still the owner of land I protected as wildlife habitat for many years and continue to pay taxes. It goes something like this.

Long ago, before farmers were selling off their farms, I enjoyed hunting and fishing and catching frogs and whatever wildlife habitat had to offer. As time passed, European immigrants that owned and worked farmland got old and tired, after years and years of toiling in 12 hour days, without overtime pay, without paid vacation, without group health insurance. With only a pension plan that consisted of the equity in land they owned and farmed. Some died at an early age and some, along with their offspring, decided to try the easier life and began selling off their farms.

Driven by the law of supply and demand, the buyers weren't interested in farming. They were busy building houses and people were busy buying these houses to create a home in the country, to raise children, in what was thought to be a better environment.

This sell-off didn't go without opposition. The big rage, at the time, was the destruction of wildlife habit. When someone that owned and worked farmland, dared to comment about this destruction by saying wildlife didn't pay rent or help with property taxes, that notion was met with scorn by many that never owned and worked farm land.

I embraced the concept to protect land for wildlife. Then, when I became the sole owner of land that is contiguous to Darrow pond, I continued to protect that track of land for wildlife. But, not in perpetuity.

However, having recently read, for the first time, the steering committee's report, that was completed in 2009, I noticed the phrase open space was used 27 times in the first two pages, never saw the phrase, wildlife habitat, used in this report.

So, there I was, three years ago, influenced by liberal spending, standing at this podium, trying to market wildlife habitat not realizing, at the time, I was talking to a newer generation of people, apparently under the influence of the steering committee report, that indicated the old

movement to protect land for wildlife was over and dead.

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The new movement is to share it with a new phenomenon called open space, so that people can build trails for hiking and biking and walking their dogs, with the potential for creating a stressful environment for the wildlife that live there, not only during hunting season, but almost all year long.

There are players involved in this plan who may believe, the key to the decision to spend millions, depends on how much townspeople value access to Darrow Pond. But, at what cost, since I believe the key to gaining access, is how much money can be saved. This is where the word frugal should come into play.

I□\$B!G□(Bm proposing my land to be included in this Darrow Pond plan, not as wildlife habitat, but forested land with over hundreds of feet of approved road frontage, with low traffic and a view of picturesque and tranquil Darrow pond, along with the potential for public access for fishing --- This land is identified as 224 Chesterfield Rd.

My proposal will cost taxpayers thousands of dollars instead of millions. During my potential tenure as intervener, I would refer to the Steering Committee□\$B!G□(Bs report, that advocates thriftiness and action that involves less expense.

The members of that committee appeared to be smart people in contact with experts.

They appear to advise against increasing impervious surfaces, that decrease water quality in water courses, like the stream that flows from Darrow pond, that flows into Latimers Brook, that flows into the Niantic River. Also, in a subtle way, this advice controls the student population, that ensures a stable school budget and saves money.

Their report convinced me that forested land has a cost of community service of 31 cents, as compared to \$1.11, if town officials and town voters allow this land, at 224 Chesterfield Rd., to be converted from forest land to residential. The cost to purchase this land, which is negotiable, may be a one time payment of only \$31.25 per taxpayer, among approximately 8,000 homeowners. 8,000 is a number I received from the tax collector□\$B!G□(Bs office.

In comparison, the cost to purchase 16 Mostow Rd. was \$537.50 and the 200 acre open space section for walking trails cost \$358.33 for each of the same taxpayers.

In addition, consider the fairness, in applying for \$500,000 matching grant money or using any other equal amount of money, when there□\$B!G□(Bs this proposal on the table for land, that□\$B!G□(Bs referred to in the steering committee□\$B!G□(Bs report and doesn□\$B!G□(Bt require a matching grant of \$500,000, since it may cost less than any other land purchase by the town, that I know about.

Let□\$B!G□(Bs consider a few words from pg. 10 of the Steering Committee Report, that was completed in 2009.

(quote) □\$B!H□(BTherefore, no new lands should be ruled out simply because we have not identified them today□\$B!!□(B. (end quote)

Also, take into account the function of the four underground pipes that extend beyond the 224 chesterfield Rd□\$B!G□(Bs southern and western boundary line. Compare three of them with modern day storm drain systems.

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In conclusion, I look forward to East Lyme officials handling my proposal, in a manner that affords me the same status, rights, privileges, opportunities, as the others with their proposals. on an equal basis, with the absence of prejudice.

Take the necessary steps, to ensure that all voters have easy access to information, to adequately understand this Darrow Pond plan, the steering committee's report, and are allowed an equal opportunity to vote, to reject or accept my proposal.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present my long winded proposal.

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Long live democracy, fairness, and justice.

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