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Subject: To the inland wetlands agency and chairman Gary Upton

Dear Gary and commission members, I writing this to highlight my dissatisfaction with the increase in the upland review area by 500%. In addition many people in town do not know how to use zoom, and unless this is an emergency issue, which it is not, should be tabled so members of the entire town can be heard. This seems like a power grab when not everyone is represented due to the covid 19 virus.

Myself and my family own greater than 80 acres in town, and while we have no plans for subdividing, we want to retain the opportunity to do so. While the upland review does not in itself restrict subdivision or other activities within the upland review area it certainly has caused a great deal of pain and cost to the land owner/developer and cost to the town in legal fees, often without great technical rationale.

I would equate this to the East Lyme Police department deciding lower the speed limit to 5mph everywhere because its safer, while that is hard to argue from a safety perspective, its clearly has a negative effect on the townspeople.

Three of the properties that border my families property have greater than 80 acres also, and when questioned about their thoughts, they were not in favor of this change, and asked when the hearing was.....when I said it was on zoom it might as well be on the moon.

In conclusion I think the current 100 foot upland review area provides adequate wetland protection and this effort should not move forward.

Respectfully

Mark Butterfield
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