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Subject: To the Inland Wetland Agency and Chairman Gary Upton

I am unable to attend the continued hearing on August 10th. So I am sending this e-mail.

I live in Lyme, but care greatly about the environment and how each town's decisions affects its neighbors. I have just "retired" from Lyme's Open Space Commission after about 8 years on it.

You are certainly doing the right thing: having hearings, maybe several, to hear your constituents and consider all sides.

The ultimate goal here is, of course, to protect your town's drinking water and the environment.

I agree that the Town needs to look carefully at the location of its crucial waterbodies and protect them first.

Yes, strict regulations puts a burden on the town, but....good regulations should strike a balance.

I suggest that you take the time to do careful research: and use good, up to date data. Use your plan of Conservation and Development. If it has not been updated within the last 10 years, then update it!

Think long term: poor regulations can cause problems way into the future, which are expensive, if not impossible to correct.

The town of Lyme makes it VERY hard to develop, or build anything. Over 50% of our Town is in Open Space. Our water is very clean, and it is a desirable place to live. We have strict wetland zoning and our sanitarian is tough.

May I suggest a compromise? Maybe not every house can have a pool. Maybe, in some cases, decks could be exempt: they don't cause as much harm to the environment, in general. Maybe the setback could be changed to 250 feet now and then another 250 feet at a later date. Going from 100' to 500' all at once seems harsh.

Sustainable, long term, carefully thought out regulations that are fair and balanced and will be enforceable are the best!

I wish you a good end result.

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