

Exhibit 000

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My name is John Bialowans Jr. of 61 Walnut Hill Road. I would ask that this letter be included in the exhibits for the Public Hearing on Upland Review. We are in opposition to the increase of the Upland review area from one hundred feet (100') to five hundred feet (500'). We feel that its neither legal nor factually supported. This town already has the most restricted regulations, in all of its boards, commissions, and departments. What we need is to enforce the regulations that there are now. Look at a Al Smith property. The permit was given to Al Smith not Pazz Construction. It's been over a year for this dispute to be settled - how much more money and time is the town going to spend? Two construction companies sharing one permit- Is that allowed? Especially, keep the politics out, and favors that have been done in this Town

I am repeating what citizens of East Lyme have been saying about longstanding problems in this town, I will share some examples:

1. Stop & Shop with gas station in the Towns' aquifer
2. Costco with gas station in the Towns' aquifer
3. Huge Gateway Development built above the Towns' aquifers. What about the pipe breakage (fitting) damage to the wetlands, Gordon pond and the Towns' aquifer. At that time, the Wetlands Agency and the CT DEEP enforced their regulations, laws and see how fast the restoration, clean up went and Gateway did everything that was asked of them – with no excuses on the repairs and clean up.
4. My last example is the solar farm on Grassy Hill and Walnut Hill Roads.
 - a. Where were all the concerned citizens of East Lyme for the disaster on wetlands, property, watercourses (Cranberry Meadow Brook, Latimer's Brook and the Sound at Golden Spur) when they had a retention pond failure.
 - b. Even the solar farms own wetlands, watercourses are still damaged (never vacuumed the silt up, rock dams never done, and the list can go on).
 - c. Did anyone clean up or look at a low estimate of 900 tons of silt down these watercourses and into the sound?
 - d. Did the CT DEEP and Town of East Lyme Wetlands Agency fully execute their regulations and laws on this matter?
 - e. East Lyme would never have another solar farm built here I would imagine from lessons learned.
 - f. Look at the CT DEEP on solar farms now (I guess they learned something from their oversight) and the Town too.
 - g. What I have heard and been told by CT citizens and East Lyme citizens that a major influence to this project was money, politics and favors.

I would like to know if the Town located all the watercourses, wetlands, vernal pools, etc. that will affect all the citizens of East Lyme with this regulation change. Is this going to be another expense for land owners to live in this town?

I would like to know if the Wetlands Commission members have driven around town roads to see the wetlands, etc. and see the problems with this change to homeowners? Homeowners wouldn't be able to do anything.

That could be a total of 1000 ft – 500 ft on either side of wetlands, etc.

Do you know how much time, money, and lawsuits that will happen with this regulation change?

Did anyone think about the staff at the Town Hall? It's going to end up hiring more people like another wetlands agent, administrative assistance to planning, zoning, building departments and other Town Hall departments, if needed. How much more will the tax payers have to pay?

What's going to happen – people will move out, citizens will say “what can I do on my own property, can I fix anything (from septic systems, additions, a new home or even a little shed, etc.)?”

Of course our taxes will go up to pay for the lawsuits, staff hours, and etc.

This is not a quaint little Town anymore and it will never be again. Like I said (and other people to), keep money, politics and favors out of the process. We already had a lot of that happen already in this Town – past, present and we hope not the future.

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