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My name is John Bialowans Jr. of 61 Walnut Hill Road. I got up around 3:00 am Thursday morning and did a little more thinking and research on what I said in my letter of August 5, 2020. I remembered that the Town hired a Massachusetts firm to locate (?) and to drill test holes in the aquifer. They ultimately moved the primary, secondary boundaries of the aquifer. This happened probably more than 5 years ago. Everyone knows that big chain stores (Costco, others) put their scouts, feelers out to find a location for their stores. It could be years before they pick a location. Rumors were going around that Costco said, and I quote “if Costco cannot have a gas station, East Lyme is not their choice for a store”. I went to some of those wetlands meetings and listened to the engineers speak....and I’ll stop here.

All the other gas stations were there in the 50’s and 60’s maybe earlier, on Flanders & Chesterfield Roads. I worked at Perry’s Esso gas station when I was in high school. I even bought one of the brothers Corvettes when I was 18. I had the Vette for awhile until I got my insurance estimate, and that ended my ownership. The brother took it back, luckily!

Stop and Shop gas station was built on the secondary line of the aquifer. A lot of citizens of East Lyme thought the aquifer line was from the High School, down pass the Middle School, along Flanders Road and to the hillside on Gateway property.

I would like to say something more about the solar farm issue. I know the Wetlands Commission is going to say that they issued a Cease, Desist and Restore order on the property. If you read the regulations, laws, authority of the East Lyme Wetlands Commission (then DEEP got involved) look at the CDR order, what was done. The only thing they said was that it was a civil matter and they did what they could.

Like I heard and have been told by CT citizens and East Lyme citizens that a major influence to this project was money, politics and favors.

Thank you,
John Bialowans, Jr.
Carol Murcko

Ps At least at almost 72 years old I can still admit to my mistakes that I have said and correct them.