March 23, 2006

To Whom it may concern:

At a special Town Meeting held at Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company, 429 Old Colchester Road, Salem, Connecticut on February 1, 2006 the electors of the town of Salem, Connecticut endorsed the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and the recommendation that "Wild and Scenic" status be adopted by the United States Congress in a vote of 108 Ayes to 8 Nays.

Certified to be a true reporting of a resolution passed at the town meeting specified above in Salem, Connecticut.

ATTEST: Patricia J. Crisanti CCTC
Town Clerk of Salem
Town Clerk, Debra H. Denette, called the Special Town Meeting to Order at 8:01 p.m. at the auditorium of the Nathan Hale Ray High School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Approximately 450 people were in attendance, including many high school students. Brad Parker motioned to nominate Deb Denette as Moderator. Pete Govert seconded the motion.

The Town clerk called for other nominations from the floor. None were offered. Brad Parker motioned to close nominations. Said motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously via voice vote. A vote was called for regarding the nomination of Deb Denette as Moderator. It passed unanimously via voice vote.

The Moderator briefly explained the rules of conduct for Town meeting. The call of the meeting was read by the Town Clerk, Bradley Parker motioned to accept the call of the meeting as read. The motion was duly seconded by Joe Albuquerque and carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 1: Laurie Alt motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission to endorse the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan developed by the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee, together with its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic River Designation through an act of the United States Congress. Said Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of East Haddam for public inspection. Said motion was duly seconded. A presentation was made by members of the Wild & Scenic study committee. Comments and questions were raised and where appropriate answered. After approximately an hour of discussion, upon a motion to call the question made by Laurie Alt and duly seconded, and unanimously approved a voice vote was called for. The Moderator being unable to determine the outcome of the voice vote called for a vote via a show of hands. The motion carried with the following results:

435 voted 295 yes 140 no
Item 2: Laurie Alt motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and the Office for Domestic Preparedness entitled "FY 05 Assistance to Firefighters Grant" in the amount of $53,153.00; and to appropriate said funds to line #841 Fire Department Equipment; and to appropriate matching funds in the amount of $2,797.00 from Contingency to line #841 Fire Department Equipment; for a total grant amount of $55,950.00. Said motion was duly seconded. Opportunity for discussion was offered, there were no comments. Said motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 3: Pete Goyert motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to accept a grant in the amount of $7,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation; and to appropriate said grant to the Historic Document Preservation Fund. Said motion was duly seconded. The Town Clerk advised that these funds will be used to microfilm older meeting records that have yet to be preserved. Opportunity for discussion was offered, several questions were asked and answered. The Town clerk called for a vote, the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Item 4: Jim Ventres motioned that the legislative body herein assembled act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to appropriate $130,000.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to line #890 Board of Education CIP - High School Field Lighting Project. Said motion was duly seconded. Mr. Parker made a few brief comments explaining the project. Opportunity for discussion was offered. Comments were offered and questions were asked and answered. John Blaschik moved the question, which action was duly seconded and carried via unanimous voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote. Dick Everett voted in opposition, the remainder of the votes were unanimously in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Richard Parker and seconded by Ruth Ziobron, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST: Debra H. Denette
             Town Clerk of East Haddam

February 2, 2006
ELECTORS AND CITIZENS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN MEETING ARE HEREBY WARNED
THAT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2006, AT THE LYME
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL, HAMBURG ROAD, LYME, CONNECTICUT AT 8:00 P.M. FOR PRESENTATION OF
THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

1. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION BY WHICH THE TOWN OF LYME WOULD
ENDORSE THE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE
EIGHTMILE RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SEEK WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION THROUGH AN ACT
OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO
CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF LYME.

DATED AT LYME, CONNECTICUT THIS 6th DAY OF JANUARY 2006.

WILLIAM T. KOCH, JR.
PARKER H. LORD
STEVEN MATTSON

RECORDED BY: TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2006

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY FIRST SELECTMAN, WILLIAM T. KOCH, JR. AT 8:00 P.M. THE
MEETING WAS THEN ORGANIZED BY THE SELECTION OF ROWLAND BALLEK AS MODERATOR. THE CALL
OF THE MEETING WAS READ BY RUTH PERRY, TOWN CLERK.

THE FIRST ITEM TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING WAS A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EIGHTMILE
RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

RESOLUTION:
WHEREAS: THE 62 SQUARE MILE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED IS AN EXCEPTIONAL NATURAL AND
CULTURAL RESOURCE IN THE TOWN OF LYME.

AND WHEREAS: ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001, PUBLIC LAW NO. 107-65, SUPPORTED BY CONGRESSMAN
ROB SIMMONS AND SENATOR CHRISTOPHER DODD WAS PASSED AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF
A WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY TO BE FUNDED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

AND WHEREAS: IN 2005, GOVERNOR RELL SIGNED INTO LAW PUBLIC ACT=05-18 WHICH PROCLAIMED THE
STATE OF CONNECTICUTS SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION OF THE
EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED:

AND WHEREAS: THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO A WATERSHED APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT OF THE
EIGHTMILE RIVER AND WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION:

NOW THEREFORE:
BE IT RESOLVED: THAT THE TOWN OF LYME IN TOWN MEETING CONVENED THAT THE TOWN OF LYME
ENDORSES THE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE EIGHTMILE RIVER
WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RECOMMENDATION TO SEEK WILD
AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION THROUGH AN ACT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

MOVED
SECONDED
DISCUSSION
ANTHONY OPENED THE DISCUSSION WITH A HISTORY OF WHAT THE EIGHT MILE RIVER STUDY GROUP
HAS BEEN DOING OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS MR. IRVING EMPHASISED THE AREAS NATURAL UNIQUENESS
AND A NEED TO PROTECT THIS AREA AS BEING ONE OF THE FEW LEFT IN THE NATION. THE
MANAGEMENT PLAN WOULD PROTECT THE AREA AND COST THE TOWN NOTHING. THIS PROTECTION GOAL
FORMALY DECLARES THE IMPORTANCE WITH LOCAL CONTROL WHILE HAVING THE FUNDING SOURCE FROM
THE GOVERNMENT. (ALSO SEE ATTACHED FACT SHEET).

NATHAN FROLING FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ALSO SPOKE CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF
THIS PROPOSAL AND CONFIRMED THAT THE SELECTMEN, THE LOCAL LAND USE BOARDS AND OTHERS
HAVE ENDORSED THIS LOCAL CONTROL PLAN. THE MANAGEMENT PROVIDES GUIDELINES AND RECOM
MENDATIONS WITH NO NEW AUTHORITY. THERE IS NO FEDERAL REGULATION, NO FEDERAL MANDATES.

QUESTIONS: MR. FURGESON QUESTIONED THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON THE TOWN WHICH WOULD
BE EMOSED. WHAT HAPPENS TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON THE RIVER?
AGAIN NO FINANCIAL COST TO TOWN. IMPACT ON LOCAL LANDOWNERS WOULD BE
THE SAME AS ANY PRESENT REGULATIONS SUCH AS PLANNING AND ZONING.
THERE WOULD BE A PUBLIC PROCESS INVOLVED.

CARTER COURTNEY FEELS THAT THERE WILL BE NEW REGULATIONS EMOSED ON LANDOWNERS
ON THE RIVERS. HIS CONCERN FOR UNDO HARDSHIP.
ANTHONY IRVING RESPONDED WITH THERE WOULD BE NO HARDSHIPS FOR LANDOWNERS. PLEADS
FOR KEEPING THE RIVERS CLEAN. A REGIONAL APPROACH TO PROTECT THE RIVER.

MR. ORZACK WHAT AREA OF THE TOWN WOULD BE EFFECTED?
ANSWER: 28 MILES OF RIVERS AND PRIMARY STREAMS. EAST HADDAM AND SLEEM NEEDS TO
SUPPORT.

JOHN LEONARD LANDOWNERS ARE UP AGAINST THE REST OF THE VOTING COMMUNITY WHEN
IT COMES TO CONTROL OT LAND ON THE WATERFRONT. MR. LEONARD DOES NOT FEEL
COMFORTABLE AS TO WHAT NEW REGULATIONS MIGHT EFFECT THESE LANDOWNERS.

MRS. WILKINS DESCRIBED THE FEDERAL PLAN TO CONTROL RIVERS IN THE FUTURE TO BE A WATER
SOURCE FOR THE LOWER PART OF CONNECTICUT. THIS PLAN KEEPS CONTROL OF THE RIVERS HERE.

MR. WOODY SPOKE AS A LANDWONER ON THE RIVER AND FEELS THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH
REGULATIONS AND WELCOMES THIS IDEA.

MR. THACH INDICATED THAT IT WAS OUR DUTY TO DEFEND AND PROTECT THE TOWN'S NATURAL
RESOURCES WITH NO COST AND LOCAL CONTROL

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WOULD BE THE OVERSIGHT FEDERAL AGENCY.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR THE VOTE:
VOTED STRONGLY AFFIRMATIVE
SOME NAYS

RESOLUTION #2 CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NOISE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS: A PETITION WAS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REQUESTING THAT THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN"CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF
LYME."
AND WHEREAS: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS ALREADY CONSIDERED A NOISE ORDINANCE FOR
THE TOWN OF LYME AND UNANIMOUSLY DETERMINED THAT A NOISE ORDINANCE IS NOT APPROPRIATE
FOR THE TOWN OF LYME AT THIS TIME
NOW THEREFORE:
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF LYME IN TOWN MEETING CONVENED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHOULD NOT CONSIDER A NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF LYME AT THIS TIME.
MOVED
SECONDED
DISCUSSION: MR. KOCH TURNED OVER THE MEETING TO CHRISTINE SEMENZA WHO BROUGHT FROM
THE PETITION TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. MRS. SEMENZA SPOKE ABOUT CONSERVATION AND
HOW PEACE AND TRANQUILITY ARE A PART OF THAT. SHE SAYS THE RURAL, QUIET CHARACTER
OF THE TOWNS DURNED BY NOISE QUALIFIES NOT CONFORM TO THE PLAN.
MR. ORZECH FELT NEIGHBORS SHOULD SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER AND WORK THINGS OUT.

MR. TIFFANY FELT THE SAME WAY AND GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF AN EVENT IN HIS CHILDHOOD WHERE NEIGHBORS HELPED AND AGAIN SPOKE TO WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY LYMÉ WAS AND HAS BECOME.

HADLIME HISTORICAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE SPOKE OF THE NOISE FROM MOTORCYCLES AT THE FERRY LANDING AND LAWN MOWING AT UNREASONABLE HOURS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NOISE ORDINANCE.

MRS. CRITES HAS A PROBLEM ON BEAVERBROOK ROAD WITH DIRT BIKES ON A NEIGHBORING PROPERTY. SHE HAS CALLED THE NEIGHBOR AND HAS NOT HAD ANY LUCK. SUGGESTED SHE CONTACT THE STATE POLICE.

MRS. IRVING SPOKE OF THE NOISE ON RT.156. TOWN ORDINANCE COULD NOT REGULATE STATE ROADS.

MR. KOCH INDICATED THAT THE STATE POLICE WOULD RESPONDE TO BREACH OF PEACE.

DOGS:

MAUREEN GRIFFIN INDICATED THAT THERE ARE STATE LAWS REGARDING BARKING DOGS AND THE LOCAL DOG WARDEN WOULD ENFORCE THESE LAWS.

NORMAN CAINE SUGGESTED A COMMITTEE BE FORMED.

THE MODERATOR CALLED FOR A VOTE AFTER CLAIRFYING JUST WHAT YES AND NO MEANT. MOTION VOTED YES SOME NAYS

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS CALLED BY ANTHONY IRVING. SECONDED MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 p.m.

THERE WAS A LARGE TURNOUT AT THIS MEETING ON A VERY FOGGY NIGHT.

RECORDED BY: TOWN CLERK
April 4, 2006

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
c/o Anthony Irving, Chairman
P.O. Box 1002
Lyme, CT 06371

Dear Anthony,

I am writing on behalf of the East Haddam Board of Selectmen to confirm the Selectmen’s support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by formal vote of the selectmen at their meeting on September 27, 2005.

A copy of the endorsement is included with this letter.

Sincerely,

Brad Parker
First Selectman
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Eightmile River Wild & Scenic River Study
Management Plan Endorsement

Certified to approve resolution adopted...
WHEREAS, the National Park Service will not own or manage any lands, will not create any new regulatory powers and will not have any control over local municipal boards and commission activities and actions associated with a Wild & Scenic designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Town of East Haddam Board of Selectmen endorses designation of the Eightmile River Watershed as a component of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.

2. The Town of East Haddam Board of Selectmen endorses the purposes and goals of the Draft Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan.

3. The Town of East Haddam Board of Selectmen commits to being a partner and participant in the implementation of the Draft Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan.

4. The Town of East Haddam Board of Selectmen agrees that within 6-12 months of achieving an affirmative vote of support for Wild & Scenic designation at a town meeting they will begin the process of implementing Tier one tools and will establish a timeline in which to complete such a process. The commission will do this to the best of their ability however, the implementation of tools that require funding outside the normal expenditures of the town may not be pursued until or unless outside funding is secured. These proposed tier one tools include:

   - Adopting a River Protection Overlay Zone for all perennial streams and rivers in the Eightmile River Watershed that provides a 50 foot setback on small headwater streams, and a 100 foot setback on larger streams.

   - Making protection of important habitat blocks an open space conservation priority and being a partner in pursuit of federal funding to support such types of acquisitions.

   - Working with the Eightmile River Committee to establish local management tools that will support maintaining less than 4% impervious cover for the entire Eightmile River Watershed.

   - Requiring the CT DEP Stormwater Quality Manual to be used as guidance for the design, implementation and maintenance of all new and existing stormwater systems in each community.
• Completing and implementing a Stormwater Management Plan for each municipality's stormwater system as described in the State's General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.

• Adopting the University of Massachusetts guidance for watercourse crossings.

5. The Town of East Haddam Board of Selectmen will work on implementing the Draft Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan to the best of its abilities regardless of a Wild & Scenic Designation being achieved, recognizing that the implementation of tools that require funding outside the normal expenditures of the town may not be pursued until or unless outside funding is secured.
April 4, 2006

Damon Hearne
Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
Middlesex County Extension Center
P.O. Box 70
Haddam, CT 06438

Dear Mr. Hearne,

I am writing on behalf of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to confirm the Commission’s support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by formal vote of the Commissioners at their meeting on December 20, 2005.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Randolph Dill, Chairman
East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

RD/jl
April 4, 2006

Damon Hearne
Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
Middlesex County Extension Center
P.O. Box 70
Haddam, CT 06438

Dear Mr. Hearne,

I am writing on behalf of the East Haddam Conservation Commission to confirm the Commission’s support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by formal vote of the Commissioners at their meeting on March 7, 2006.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Gibson, Chairman
East Haddam Conservation Commission
April 4, 2006

Damon Hearne
Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
Middlesex County Extension Center
P.O. Box 70
Haddam, CT 06438

Dear Mr. Hearne,

I am writing on behalf of the East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission to confirm the Commission’s support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by formal vote of the Commissioners at their meeting on January 10, 2006.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harvey Thomas, Chairman
East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission

JV/jl
April 19, 2006

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
c/o Anthony Irving
P.O. Box 1002
Lyme, CT 06371

Dear Anthony:

I am writing on behalf of the Lyme Conservation and Inland Wetlands Agency to confirm the Commission’s support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by formal vote of the Commissioners at their meeting on October 19, 2005.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Paul Armona
Chairman, Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency
April 11, 2006

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
c/o Anthony Irving, Chairman
P.O. Box 1002
Lyme, CT. 06371

Dear Anthony,

I am writing on behalf of the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission to confirm the Commissions support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by formal vote of the Commissioners at their meeting on October 11, 2005.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David Tiffany
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Commission
May 22, 2006

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
Anthony Irving, Chairman
PO Box 1002
Lyme CT 06371

Dear Anthony,

I am writing on behalf of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission to confirm the Commission's support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Commission at their meeting on December 12, 2005. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

George Ziegler, Chairman
Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission

Encl.
May 22, 2006

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee
Anthony Irving, Chairman
PO Box 1002
Lyme CT  06371

Dear Anthony,

I am writing on behalf of the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission to confirm the Commission's support for the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and its recommendation to seek Wild and Scenic Designation. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Commission at their meeting on December 13, 2005. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Very truly yours,

Hugh McKenney, Chairman
Salem Planning and Zoning Commission

Encl.
AN ACT CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF THE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED WITHIN THE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) (a) It is declared to be the policy of the state of Connecticut that the portion of the Eightmile River watershed which is the subject of the authorized study by the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee for purposes of designation as a national wild and scenic rivers system be preserved as provided for in the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended.

(b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall cooperate with all relevant federal, state and local agencies to provide for such designation and to implement any management plan developed in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Upon the designation of the river watershed by Congress, the commissioner shall notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment regarding any statutory changes necessary to implement the preservation and conservation of the river watershed in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The commissioner shall cause a copy of
House Bill No. 6414

this section to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Connecticut in the Congress of the United States.

Approved May 9, 2005