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To: Amanda L. Lessard
Subject: SP Proposed Rezoning 38 Nash Rd.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a landowner and resident at 38 Nash Rd. We received notification that the stream at the back of our property is now being proposed to rezone as "stream protected". This came as quite a surprise to us as the stream is dry most of the year.

I read on one of the maps that the rivers in town are showing traceable amounts of E-Coli, reduced vegetation, etc. What has currently been done to determine that these impacts are not being caused within the currently protected areas? I am concerned that I have not heard about river or stream water quality in any town communications with the greater public. How will placing many new tributaries to the town rivers, watersheds, and streams in stream protected zones improve the water and vegetation quality? What is the end goal of rezoning so many small streams in town? I do believe educating the public about land management and taking care of our natural environment in Windham might be a helpful first step before deciding to rezone so many small streams. I need much more information about the short-term goals, long-term goals, and long/short-term impacts on existing landowners, especially large landowners, before I can support a stream protection rezoning change.

Furthermore, I am concerned because this rezoning proposal has come on the heels of the larger open spaces and conservation efforts in town. I am hopeful that this new proposed rezoning is not a result of trying to create open spaces on the lands of existing private landowners in the Town of Windham.

In addition, I do feel that changing the rezoning will hurt property evaluations and uses because there will be new setbacks, vegetation requirements, etc. that will need to be followed. As a result, the landowner will have reduced uses and will not be able to sell their property for the same amount due to the new regulations.

Finally, our property has been in my family for generations. We have taken care of our little slice of Windham for over 200 years, and we are not looking to hurt the natural environment or to allow others to hurt the natural environment. However, we do feel that the rezoning, specifically in our backyard, is not needed and it will not result in the desired outcome. I would be amiss if I did not point out that across the street from our home is a rock quarry that blows up the natural environment quite regularly.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email if you have any clarification to the proposed rezoning goals, regulations, etc. or if you would like to discuss my concerns further.

Thank you for your time,
Jennifer Potter