



April 10, 2022

Attention Ledyard Residents, Please Help!

Dear LHVA members and Friends of the Lantern Hill Valley Area,

There is concern about a looming environmental threat to Whitford Brook and river herring restoration efforts.

Whitford Brook abuts a property on Lantern Hill Rd just south of Long Pond Rd S, running along 576 Lantern Hill Rd, the property with a metal barn. This property is zoned R60, residential, with only farm-related activity permissible; in 2016, the owner received a court order stating that no commercial activity is permitted at 576 Lantern Hill Rd.

Several neighbors report continued non-compliance occurrences. There is now concern that the Town of Ledyard may be on the verge of reconsidering this order and granting permission to use the structure and property for commercial activities, such as the owner's landscaping business.

Our region is on the cusp of a historic win for the environment. With the support of Save the Sound and federal funds, we are restoring the ability for river herring to migrate from Long Island Sound, up through Whitford Brook, and into Long Pond to complete their life cycle.

Please call, email, or write to Mayor Fred Allyn III, Mayor, Ledyard, and Ms. Juliet Hodge, Director of Land Use and Planning, Ledyard. They need to hear from you in the next few days since there is a zoning meeting this coming Thursday, April 14, where the topic will come up. Please, let them know you care about the enforcement of environmental and zoning regulations. We would appreciate it if you voiced your support for the position letter sent by our three local conservation organizations: the Lantern Hill Valley Association, the McKee Farm Trust, and Long Pond Commons Land Trust.

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Thank you for your support, and feel free to reach out with any questions; TheLHVA@gmail.com

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Lantern Hill Valley Association, McKee Farm Trust, and Long Pond Commons Land Trust

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