Roxanne Maher

From: Jacob Hurt <jacob.d.hurt2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 7:05 PM
To: Roxanne Maher; Town Council Group
Subject: Re: White Supremacist Group Signs in Ledyard and Preston
Attachments: IMG_5489.jpg; IMG_5518.jpg; IMG_5521.jpg; IMG_5525.jpg

(Resent with sign photos attached)

(Roxanne - I apologize for the lateness. These signs were discovered yesterday and this evening, and Naomi asked that this info get into the correspondence file for tomorrow's meeting. Thanks for your help!

Councillors,
On Monday (the 26th), a pair of signs belonging to a known White Supremacist group were found on utility poles along Route 12 in Gales Ferry. Today, another pair were spotted on utility poles along Route 12 in Preston.

The 2 signs found in Ledyard were turned in to the Ledyard PD on monday night, and thanks to Officer Krajewski for her assistance in the matter.

I want to raise awareness of this group without giving them too much oxygen. Sending this info in could save the need to research and discuss the group at the meeting, so that you may be able to recognize them for what they are: a cowardly neo-fascist group that has been doing this all over the state.

My ask here is simple: Send a prompt, clear message that they and their messages are not welcome in Ledyard, and to encourage residents to report further sightings.

Here are some links to familiarize yourselves with this group:

1. From the Anti-Defamation League of Connecticut's report on white supremacist propaganda incidents in the state in 2022. "Three white supremacist groups – Patriot Front, Goyim Defense League (GDL) and White Lives Matter (WLM) – were responsible for 93 percent of the activity. In Connecticut, the two groups with the most activity in 2022 were Patriot Front with 185 incidents..."

2. A backgrounder from the Anti-Defamation League on the group itself. Of note:
   a. "Patriot Front spreads its hateful propaganda via the internet and by distributing banners, fliers, posters, and stickers."
   b. "Since 2019, Patriot Front has been responsible for the vast majority of white supremacist propaganda distributed in the United States."
   c. "One of the United States' most visible white supremacist groups, Patriot Front participates in localized "flash demonstrations" across the nation."

3. Recent reporting on their activity in the state:
   a. From WSHU, March 14th, 2023. "[CT ADL Regional Director Stacey] Sobel said 90% of the incidents in Connecticut are attributed to the white nationalist group the Patriot Front, who, according to the ADL, "maintain that their ancestors conquered America and bequeath it to them and no one else."

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STRONG FAMILIES
STRONG NATIONS
PATRIOTFRONT.US

RECLAIM
AMERICA
PATRIOTFRONT.US
CANTRO
PETROLEUM
thing
Shoes

NO MORE
FOREIGN
WARS
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