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**To:** Town of Ledyard Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

**From:** Groton Open Space Association, Inc.

**Subject:** IWWC Permit Application #25-19 Site, Lambtown Road Extension (LRE) culvert replacement with new custom inlet control structure following Ed Lamb Brook

**Date:** November 18, 2025

Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) is a land trust owner of the southern portion of the 38-acre pond and upland properties abutting the proposed LRE culvert replacement project site.

GOSA wholeheartedly supports this permit application by the Town of Ledyard Public Works Department. GOSA representatives have discussed the plans with project engineers and are satisfied that the current water levels, critical to the preservation of this unique and sensitive ecosystem, will be maintained throughout and after the construction period.

Replacement of the failing culvert is necessary for maintenance of the road, its embankments and the pond's water levels. The pond and marsh will continue to support migratory and resident waterfowl, turtles, fish, amphibians, mammals and rare plants well into the future. Maintenance of the road will continue to provide public access benefits to this very popular nature preserve.

Sincerely,

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