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Subject: FW: AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DATA SHARING (SB426)--
 hearing this Wednesday

What follows is our (Unk is in favor of the Act being approved) support of SB426 as requested by Meg McGaffin, GIS Analyst City of Milford CT and Sen. Slossberg.

The Town of Branford requested of CL&P, several years ago, electronic pole location (latitude / longitude) information. We were politely told no. I then contacted the DPUC and was referred to the DOIT GIS Committee. I addressed this Committee along with Lenny Reistetter (Assistant Town Engineer). All to no avail.

Reasons given at our presentation included;

1. Emergency services' responses to accidents where only pole number information is readily available would be greatly facilitated.
2. Knowing the location and wattage relating to street lights (we have approximately 4,000 with an annual budget of \$320,000) would help us to become more energy efficient by identifying where we should be requesting changes to either more energy efficient fixtures or in lowering the bulb wattage being used.
3. Call Before You Dig location services often times will give dimensions from a pole location. This requires our Assistant Town Engineer to go out twice to mark the location. Once to find it such that he can get the appropriate map and then with the map mark it. A waste of time and taxpayer's money.
3. When an issue regarding a pole is brought to our attention, we will investigate as appropriate. Having the location of the poles would greatly facilitate this process.
4. Since our presentation to the GIS DOIT Committee, the Town needed pole location information to request use of the "Municipal Gain" space for fiber optic cable attachments. We had to do a time consuming inventory before these requests could be submitted as the location information was not available to us. We're done now, but it would have saved taxpayer money if we had the information to begin with.

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"Technology is part of the solution, not the problem"

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Hi Peter-

My name is Meg McGaffin and I'm a GIS Analyst from the City of Milford. Turns out you and I have a lot of mutual acquaintances – my supervisor Jean Lasczak for one! I used to work for Branford back in 2003 with Dave Vaught GPSing manhole covers. Also, I live in Branford next door to Terry Elton. After the storms last fall I mentioned to Terry that I was going to testify to the Two Storm Panel about how the utility companies don't share GIS data, namely telephone pole data. Terry mentioned to me that this is something you feel strongly about.

After testifying at the Two Storm panel I met with Rep Dick Roy and then Senator Gayle Slossberg who each represent Milford at the State. Sen Slossberg has worked with me to draft a piece of legislation, SB 426 which would require UI and CL&P to share their pole data with towns. I am writing to ask if you would be able to attend the public hearing on this bill on Wednesday or if you or Unk Daros would be able to send a letter expressing your support of this bill. If you cannot attend in person, Sen. Slossberg encourages you to submit written testimony at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing to the Government Administration & Elections (GAE) Committee Clerk at gaemail@cga.ct.gov.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Meg

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