To whom this may concern,

I would like to voice my opinion about the wording of HB 6539, pertaining to Sunrise Resort. I am in favor of the DEEP overseeing the disposal of the buildings that are in decay around the property to make it safe for the general public to enjoy the natural surroundings and the river frontage. I understand there are issues with hazardous materials around the property that also need to be removed, and I applaud the House of Representatives for bringing a bill forward to deal with these potential liabilities.

However, I am not in favor of the wording of the bill that indicates the DEEP has the option to sell the property for any reason. This property was sold to the State at a price well below market value to ensure it would remain open space. The owner could have sold to a developer at a much greater profit. I believe it is the responsibility of the State to maintain the property in the spirit of the intention of the prior owner. Perhaps the Town of East Haddam can help to keep the property in good condition as a cooperative effort with the State.

I am not in favor of a resolution that would give the option to DEEP to sell Open Space properties. This is contrary to the original intent for the State to purchase these lands in the first place.

Thank you,

Patricia M Muldoon

Former Long-time Sunrise Guest