

To whom this may concern,

I am not in favor of the wording on HB 6539 that indicates the DEEP has the option to sell the property formerly known as Sunrise Resort/Frank Davis Resort 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 personally know the owners. I know they struggled hard with their decision to sell because they never wanted this property to be built upon and negate its wonderful history of outdoor activities which spanned a period of 100 years. As yearly guests we trusted their trust in the state. We have been waiting and hoping that the state would do something with the land that they purchased in the fall of 2008. Unfortunately the property sits and deteriorates and I know you have tried to get people to give you proposals for its future use to no avail. But to sell off the property would totally go against the reason why you bought it, and that of the owners who trustingly sold it to you. Unless you find a buyer who can make it into another resort. BUT NOT CONDOS OR APARTMENTS OR A BUSINESS. This site is soooo historic in the land where there were many many resorts and now there sits a minimal amount of remnants.

I hope that you will do the right thing by the people of the state of Connecticut.

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.

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