

I am requesting that the below information be added to comments regarding the passage of H.B. 5309.

I am requesting that you please consider support of H.B. 5309 “An Act Concerning Abandoned Boats.” This bill will make it easier for the removal of abandon watercraft from our waterways. The current system is antiquated and overly burdensome. During Storm Sandy the Town of Ledyard had two boats wash ashore, one of which was promptly removed by the owner. The second boat was not properly registered although the presumed owner was known to the town. This boat was an eyesore to all the people who used our waterfront park for an entire summer. The current process was very time consuming since the registered owner was impossible to find and no boat yard was willing to go through the process of removing and storing the vessel. Ultimately the owner removed the vessel from Town of Ledyard waters but it now appears to be abandoned in the Town of Waterford. Your support of H.B. 5309 will make the process easier to remove and ultimately get rid of abandon vessels. I strongly urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

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