

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

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Government Administrations and Elections Committee  
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Hartford, CT 06106

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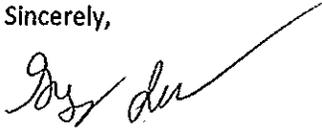
I write to you in support of HB 5550 which contains a proposed conveyance of land from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) to the Town of Colchester. The land is located at the northwest corner of New London Road (Conn RT 85) and Lake Hayward Road (State Road 637). The Town and the DOT have had a long understanding that this parcel would be given to the Town for public infrastructure and public safety operations.

The parcel is a portion of land that had been declared excess from the RT 11 and RT 2 Highway construction taking that occurred in the 1960's. It is directly adjacent to the DOT newly constructed maintenance facility. The property requested will be utilized to operate a sewage pump station that serves the State of Connecticut DOT maintenance facility and the town's public water distribution and sewer collection systems that also serves public and private properties within the area. The area is also proposed to be utilized for municipal operations in the future.

This conveyance is in concert with the municipality's plans and the plans of the DOT. The town consulted with the DOT in regards to this conveyance. The request has been supported to the extent that the DOT has prepared all mapping and surveying for the conveyance to occur (since 2008), and through inter-governmental cooperation, worked in conjunction with the Town to coordinate the improvements that have been constructed upon the premises through the State of Connecticut project 28-183.

If I can be of further assistance or your require additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,



Gregg Schuster  
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