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Concerning:

This year's Conveyance Act (HB 6998) includes two such proposals (at least):

1) Section 3 of the Conveyance Act would convey 4+ acres of Silver Sands State Park to the town of Milford for "municipal purposes" and the price of \$0. DEEP had previously refused the town's request to establish an exclusive parking area only for town residents, and so the town asked for the areas in question to be taken from Silver Sands and be given to Milford. Silver Sands is one of the state's most beautiful beaches, and has been the beneficiary of millions of dollars of rehabilitation work utilizing state funds over the past few years.

2) Section 8 of the Conveyance Act would convey over 100 acres of the Centennial Watershed Forest to the town of Fairfield for \$0. Although DEEP owns the land and Aquarion Water Company apparently holds conservation easements on this property, this proposal was made without the knowledge of either DEEP, Aquarion, or of The Nature Conservancy who works in partnership with DEEP and Aquarion on the land management of the Centennial Watershed Forest.

There are two issues here:

- 1) CT should not be allowing valuable conservation areas to be chipped away; if you don't hold the line, it will all be lost.
- 2) This path towards wresting control is crooked and immoral. Those trying this way are bad people, morally corrupt, and their activities corrupt the system. Just for that, these proposals must be rejected: letting them participate is letting criminal intent dictate policy.

Please reject these ill-conceived and wickedly-planned proposals.

Yours, Arthur Shippee, Hamden.