

March 8, 2013

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Re: Affect of Lyme Disease on Community

Dear Selectman:

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the consequences of Lyme disease in our community. I am concerned about the residents of Dunstable, as well as any visitors. In particular, the affect these diseases have on our children. As you may already know, Dunstable has a serious problem with ticks and tick borne diseases. I have attached for you a copy of a report issued by the Lyme Disease Commission (which was established in 2011). Referring to page 8 in the report, please find Dunstable on the map. Our town is one of which had the most confirmed cases of Lyme disease from 2007 -2011. This is great cause for concern.


Realizing there is much controversy within the medical community with regards to treatment and whether or not Chronic Lyme disease even exists, I am motivated to raise awareness in our community with regards to tick borne diseases. I believe that if I had been educated I may not have suffered for such a ridiculously long time, my children may not be in the predicament that they are now in and my friends and neighbors may not have become chronically ill either.

Thereby, I am proposing that the Town of Dunstable participate in a campaign called "Ribbons Across America," whereby green ribbons are hung up throughout the town during the month of May to raise awareness about Lyme disease and other tick borne diseases. Currently, Groton, Sturbridge and Cape Cod do partake in this endeavor. I am requesting permission to hang ribbons on the town gazebo, at town hall and anywhere else you would like me to do so. I would also like to place brochures in town hall alongside the other information in the hallway. I have included some in this package for your review.

Eventually, I would like to place signs in areas of tick habitats where people frequent that would tell them how to prevent a tick bite. These signs are provided by the Center for Disease Control and I have attached a copy for your review.

I respectfully appreciate your time and prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 978-649-4255. I look forward to seeing you on Monday, March 11th.

Best regards, ~



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