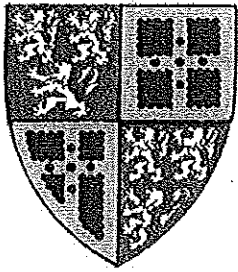


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November 15, 2010

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EXHIBIT 19

Robert McIntyre, Chairman  
Old Saybrook Planning Commission  
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Subject: "The Preserve" Plan Modification / Review by the Conservation Commission

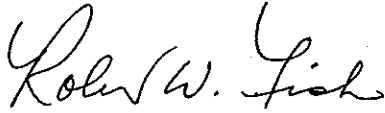
Chairman McIntyre:

As far back as 1994 in the Conservation Plan of the Old Saybrook Conservation Commission, it was recommended that a greenway loop be established in the northwestern part of town (we call it the "donut" plan). This greenway loop has remained in Old Saybrook's Plan of Conservation and Development ever since, and has been an important goal of the Conservation Commission. The 1999 purchase by the town of what we now call the "Great Cedars Conservation Area", coupled with the existing Town Park land, forms the southern half of this greenway loop. A great deal of effort by our staff ensured that the development plan for "The Preserve" contained an area of 543 acres of open space arranged so that it formed the northern half of the greenway loop. The Old Saybrook Conservation Commission urges you to maintain this greenway of connected open space in any modification to the plan for "The Preserve".

The new proposals for open space are fragmented, located primarily in steep and/or wet areas, and serve little purpose for any recreational use. The proposal from the original plan for a ten-acre flat active recreation site does not seem to be included in the new plan. The plan also seems to address open space through the increased use of easements abutting private property, which are problematic due to the difficulty with stewardship. Finally, one of the new open space proposals shows an area right through its center reserved for a future access road.

The commission feels that the proposed modifications and their impacts on the connectivity of the greenway are inferior to the previous plan and are inconsistent with what we are attempting to accomplish in this area with the Plan of Conservation & Development.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Fish". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert W. Fish, Chairman  
Old Saybrook Conservation Commission

Copies to: Michael Pace, First Selectman; Christine Nelson, Director of Land Use;  
Chris Costa, Zoning Enforcement Officer