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Old Saybrook Planning Commission Town Hall 302 Main Street Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475

Re: River Sound Development, LLC

Special Exception Modification Application

Dear Commissioner Members:

In August 2004, I was employed by BL Companies of Meriden, Connecticut. BL Companies was the project engineering firm and I was the project manager for River Sound Development, LLC in connection with its application to the Old Saybrook Planning Commission for a Special Exception to develop its Old Saybrook property as an open space subdivision.

As project manager, I represented River Sound Development, LLC throughout the Planning Commission review process which resulted in an approval of a Special Exception on March 23, 2005. I am familiar with the conditions of approval and have again reviewed them for the purposes of providing you with this letter.

Subsequent to the approval of the Special Exception on March 23, 2005, I was responsible for the development of the plans for the application to the Old Saybrook Wetlands and Water Courses Commission seeking the wetlands permits for the full development of the property under the terms and conditions of the Special Exception.

I have reviewed the plan entitled "Preliminary Open Space Plan Prepared For Riversound Development, LLC Old Saybrook, Connecticut Scale 1"= 400' Date: 10/7/10 Sheet No. 1 of 1 Ident. No. RS-1 Plan Per March 23, 2005 Approval (Includes Approval Conditions)" prepared by Doane-Collins Engineering Associates, LLC and submitted as part of this Special Exception Modification Application. I have also again reviewed the 40' scale plans prepared by BL Companies which are referenced on Bob Doane's plan "Reference Maps" Designation, Item 4".

With the exceptions noted below, the above referenced plans have incorporated most of the terms and conditions of the Special Exception approval by the Planning Commission on March 23, 2005.

## The exceptions are the following:

- 1. The 40' scale plans which I understand are on file in the Land Use Office dated September 1, 2005 show the bike trail referenced in Condition B extending southerly to the end of the central village, but not to Ingham Hill Road, although the right of way is of the appropriate width to accommodate the bike trail. This should be corrected.
- 2. The Ingham Homestead is shown on Bob Doane's plan with only the right of way of old Ingham Hill Road adjacent to it. The earlier plan showing a golf cart path in that area was inconsistent with this condition. The golf cart path locations were substantially rerouted and totally avoid this resource. In another words, access to this portion of the trail system, which includes the Ingham Homestead is not involved with or impacted by the golf course.

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I should also note that during the wetlands review process the maintenance facility was relocated as shown on the Doane plan to address the concern that it was located "upgradient" of vernal pools and wetlands. This change was made during the 2005-2006 wetlands review process.

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