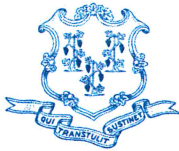


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September 8, 2016

Mr. Benjamin Barnes, Secretary
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Subject: 2014 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)
North Stonington Village Water Main Extension – Phase III

Dear Secretary Barnes:

Pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 16a-35d(b), I am writing to request an exception for the above-referenced growth-related project, a portion of which project (the “Grange”) is not located in a priority funding area. As required, I have determined that such project is consistent with the 2013 North Stonington Plan of Conservation and Development (“North Stonington’s Plan”), adopted under *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 8-23. Specifically, the Goals and Objectives for Maintaining Rural Character section of Appendix C of North Stonington’s Plan includes support of the Grange as it is a “positive economic and recreational [contribution] to the town.”

In addition, as required for an exception under *Conn. Gen. Stat.* § 16a-35d(b), I have determined that such project supports existing neighborhoods and communities, has no reasonable alternative in another location, must be located away from other developments due to its operation or physical characteristics, and is for the reuse or redevelopment of an existing site. Accordingly, I request that you grant such exception.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Eric McPhee of my staff at (860) 509-7333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Pino".

Raul Pino, MD, MPH
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