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June 28, 2023

The Honorable Maureen Nicholson  
First Selectman  
Office of the First Selectman  
5 Haven Road  
Pomfret Center, CT 06259

Re: Bosworth Road Bridge, Pomfret

Dear First Selectman Hanson,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received the Press Release regarding the proposed bridge replacement project for the Bosworth Road Bridge over the Mashamoquet Brook in Pomfret. The Council notes that the bridge is located within a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) buffer area and the proposed project has the potential to impact state-listed species and inland wetlands. The Council recommends that the bridge designers/construction company consult with DEEP's NDDDB for guidance to minimize and mitigate any potential adverse impacts on state-listed species. Further, the Council recommends that the Pomfret Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission carefully review the proposed project, at the appropriate time, for consistency with the Town's Wetland Regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Aresta".

Paul Aresta  
Executive Director

c: Marc Byrnes, DOT, Transportation Supervising Engineer  
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