

**From:** Martha Hauhuth  
**Sent:** Monday, June 27, 2016 6:41 PM  
**To:** Bhardwaj, Priti S.  
**Cc:** Westport Preservation Alliance  
**Subject:** Bridge Street Cribari Bridge - Westport

Dear Mr Bhardwaj:

I was Westport's First Selectman in the mid 80's when the replacement of the Bridge Street (Cribari ) Bridge was last discussed. Westport was unequivocally opposed to a new bridge then and I am happy to see opposition is even stronger now than it was then. Obviously the bridge is a beloved and iconic Westport landmark.

I was surprised to hear Jim Destefano, who worked with me to save the bridge question its current historic value. I disagree. Even though the bridge was mechanized in the early 90's a parallel manual option exists and its distinctive superstructure and critical location providing access to the navigable Saugatuck River remain. It endures, not only as an important maritime structure but as a symbol of the historic and passionate activism of generations of Westporters who love it. We will always fight for our bridge.

The Bridge Street Bridge - 132 years old and still swinging.

Sincerely  
Martha S. Hauhuth