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Last year I decided to have some floors in my house redone. The house was built in 1945. The flooring is fir, and it was installed (unlike today) in twenty foot lengths. In some places the fir was pretty worn. It took me three interviews before I found the floor refinisher capable of and willing to do the job. The first wanted to rip up the floor and install new hardwood. The second proposed covering the fir with a parquet! But the third had good workmen and was willing to preserve what I think needs preserving.

The plans you presented earlier this month for the Saugatuck River/William F Cribari Bridge remind me of the first two.

I have lived on the one and one half mile residential Bridge Street which the Bridge serves for more than forty years. I have seen traffic fluctuate certainly, but I have seen the value, fondness, safety, and service this Bridge provides to the many residents of Westport on the East bank of the Saugatuck River.

Were you to widen and raise the height of the Bridge as the plans you have so far presented show, you would create an unwelcome safety hazard to both residents and motorists as well as damage the character of this street.

I urge you to address the maintenance issues which you have neglected for too long and to find that expert in restoration who understands what to do and how to do it.

As a stakeholder by longevity, financial investment, and involvement in the community I ask that I be kept up-to-date on all developments and included in all discussions.

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