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To: DOT Environmental Planning
Cc: Art Schoeller
Subject: Saugatuck River Swing Bridge
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Dear Mr. Alexander

On behalf of the Greens Farms Association, I am attaching a letter explaining our position advocating for in place repair of the Saugatuck Swing Bridge and opposing replacement or removal to refurbish this bridge.

Yours truly

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June 30, 2015

Subject: Repair or replacement of Saugatuck River Swing Bridge

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Dear Mr. Alexander,

We represent more than 1000 families in the Historic Greens Farms neighborhood of Westport, and we strongly support preservation of the Saugatuck Swing Bridge. The bridge is one of Westport's most important and iconic historical resources and it is greatly valued by those of us who live here and use it every day. It contributes to the special character of Saugatuck Village and it prevents large trucks from using our local streets and endangering pedestrians and bikers.

It has been pointed out that the condition of the Saugatuck Swing Bridge has degraded because of lack of ongoing proper maintenance over the years. At the recent DOT public meeting in Westport, we concluded that the only reason to replace the bridge or remove it for refurbishment, would be so that its vertical clearance could be increased. All that is really needed is to repair in place, all the items listed in the DOT report that need repair. For this reason, and those mentioned above, the bridge should be repaired and preserved in its current dimensions, not enlarged, raised, moved or replaced.

Sincerely,

Art Schoeller

President – Green's Farms Association