

Claudia Weicker
33 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, Connecticut

Halls Road Improvement Committee
Memorial Town Hall
52 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, Connecticut 06371

February 22, 2023

Re: Lieutenant River Bridge and Trail Design Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I commend the Committee for its work on the Halls Road improvements and design project.

I am writing to express my support for the construction of a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge at the old bridge abutments over the Lieutenant River as proposed by the Halls Road Master Plan.

As a resident of the Historic District I am a regular walker and observe many of our neighbors doing the same, many with small children in tow. I also regularly see children of all ages riding their bicycles through the area and even down Halls Road.

The new bridge will be an essential and safe access for the community between the commercial area on Halls Road, the cultural district as represented by our four nonprofit organization properties, the Historic District and schools located there. Additionally it will provide a safe and attractive link to our Open Space and Land Trust properties and preserves .

The Lieutenant River environs provide an important natural area in the town supporting many species of birds (more than 100 at last count at the RTPEC) and other wildlife and the river and surrounding area are well represented in the historic art of the area.

It is time that there be a new, aesthetically pleasing, and secure means to traverse this area for residents of all ages.

Sincerely,


Claudia Weicker