

December 3, 2020

Diane Wimmer, Chairperson  
Brooklyn Conservation Commission

RE: Acquisition of land

Mrs. Wimmer,

I am writing to you because I have become aware that the vacant parcel on the southwest corner of Beecher Road and Rukstella Road may be developed as a house lot. While participating as a member of the Brooklyn Inland Wetlands Commission, I spoke publicly in favor of the Town pursuing the purchase of this corner lot. While responsible development will not impact the brook, Town ownership would guarantee the perpetual protection of the wetland resource. It abuts other town-owned land, Blackwells Brook, walking trails and historically, many people have enjoyed recreational fishing at this parcel.

Speaking as a resident of the Town of Brooklyn, I would like to see the Town own this parcel. I fully support the Town exploring the possibility of purchasing this lot. In my opinion, it would be a wonderful addition to the surrounding town-owned land.

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CC: Jana Butts Roberson, Director of Community Development  
Richard Ives, First Selectman