

March 4, 2015

Glastonbury Town Council Office of Town Clerk 2155 Main Street P.O. Box 6523 Glastonbury, CT 06033 Attn: Joyce P. Mascena

## Dear Council Members:

It has come to our attention that the MDC has recently transferred ownership of their watershed acreage along Keeney Street to a separate MDC pension plan. It was suggested in recent news reports that this transfer might be designed to negate the town's right of first refusal if the MDC attempts to sell some or all of the acreage, which we know they have wanted to do for some time. The Land Heritage Coalition has always considered this acreage to be one of the most important, undeveloped tracts of land still available within the town's borders for preservation and/or passive recreation. We certainly do not want to see the property sold to a third party or developed as was previously proposed by the MDC. We are therefore urging the Town Council to determine whether this transfer has any impact on the town's rights with respect to the property, particularly the right of first refusal if and when the property is placed for sale. Perhaps a legal opinion could be requested from the town attorney and the conclusion shared with our residents who have a vested interest in preserving this property. Your response to this letter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Land Heritage Coalition of Glastonbury, Inc.

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