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Dear Board of the Stony Creek Association,

My name is Robert Echter. I have lived in Stony Creek 31 years. I moved out here 6 months after becoming aware of Stony Creek, because it had a sense of community that was still alive and because of its natural beauty. I spent 44 years as a teacher, mostly in Special Education. I conducted the Bill Bradley for President primary campaign in Branford, successfully, in 2000.

I am proposing a slightly different location for the bathroom trailer, and it would reduce the impact on everyone who lives there significantly. It would also make the park have more room for public events. If the location is moved 20' north and @7' east, to the north side of the tree, and up to the 2 utility poles, centered between their locations where the current temporary Stony Creek Harbor Improvement sign is, it will be out of the view of the 7 apartments at 4 Three Elms Road, blocked from view by the post office, it will reduce the visual obstruction of the view of the harbor from the house next to the post office, too I think, and it will increase the public area for public functions, like the Stony Creek Fife and Drum performances, the Blessing of the Fleet, and the play area for all. It will also reduce its visual impact from the beach. I have measured it, I have taken line of sight views and photos. It would make a world of difference to me and be better for my neighbors all around, I presume. The tree could stay where it is, the poles could stay where they are. It would not significantly impact the view from the post office even, as that window has items in front of a portion of it on the inside. I have photos to show that, too.

Having to look at it all day, every day from my windows in the present proposed location would be very disconcerting. I appreciate that the Association and the Committee have made this process possible. I have not been able to attend any meetings in recent months.

I live directly across the street from the proposed location and it would be directly in my view all day, as currently configured. I have lived here 26 years in this location and am retired, so I am home most of the time, and because of the beautiful view I look out constantly. I thank you for your attention and in the spirit of living together this is a solution with which I could live. It is a difference that makes a difference. It appears that it would be better from every point of view of neighbors around this location.

I have discussed this possibility with First Selectman Cosgrove, President Bullard and others. It would receive support and help if the Board of the Stony Creek Association approves this slight change of location.

Otherwise, if it were to remain in the current proposed location it would be a terrible distraction to me and an impediment to the view of my neighbors. Please act on my behalf. Thank you.

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