

41 Winsor Road
Foster, RI 02825

March 24, 2014

To the Members of the Town Council:

We've heard that a suggestion not to rebuild the Winsor Brook Bridge is being considered. I speak for my neighbors when I express my dismay and anger. At the very least this structure is an integral piece of the history of Winsor Road; but for the folks who live either on the north or the south side of the brook, once known as Kilby's Brook, it has significance beyond that.

Bisecting Winsor Road at the brook effectively severs one end of the neighborhood from the other. The folks who live on the south end of the road will be forced to follow a much longer route to get to Route 101. They'll have to go either out Maple Rock or up to Route 6W and follow Route 94N. And those on the north end who need to get to Route 6 East or West will have to travel out to 101 either East or West and then take either 102S or 94S to continue their business. In the same way, this will negatively impact important delivery services as well.

However, for the residents who live between the Brook and 101, this has implications far beyond a simple inconvenience. The trip for the Fire Company and the Ambulance Corps to those families most affected will take several minutes more, and those several minutes might just be the ones that would have saved a life.

Please reconsider this proposition with the safety of us all in mind.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Shallcross



TOWN OF FOSTER RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION 2014-01

OPPOSING S-2677 & H-7631 RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES

WHEREAS, is it standard practice in Rhode Island and our neighboring states to assess partially completed structures on a percentage of completion basis; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that exempting single family development homes and condos from taxation until a development property is sold would result in lost property tax revenue statewide conservatively estimated at \$2,000,000 annually beginning in FY 2015; and

WHEREAS, the special exemption would result in conflicting tax treatment for other new or rehabilitated structures; and

WHEREAS, the end result would be that existing taxpayers would subsidize developers of new homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL DOES HEREBY OPPOSE S-2677 AND H-7631.

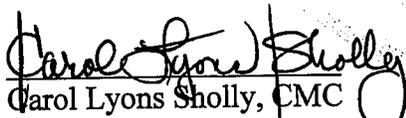
The Town Clerk of the Town of Foster is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the Town of Foster and to each City and Town Council in the State of Rhode Island.

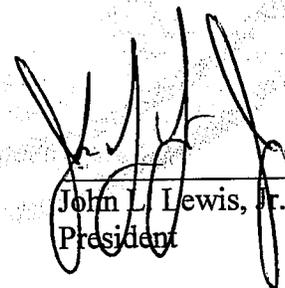
Adopted this 27th day of March, 2014,

WHERETO the following bear witness:

Signed:

Foster Town Council


Carol Lyons Sholly, CMC
Town Clerk


John L. Lewis, Jr.
President

