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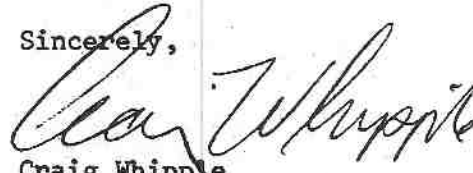
Re: HCRS Project #50-00320
Fairlee - Lange Property Acq.

Dear Mr. Sargent:

It has been brought to my attention by John Lange that apparently there is still some confusion about the possibility of Federal regulations governing use and operation of HCRS funded property changing in the future. As indicated in the October 23, 1979 letter from Ed Koenemann, we can certainly appreciate the fear that the Town has about having different rules imposed upon them at some later date. Unfortunately, though, regulations change all the time and in most cases, we have no control over them. We cannot predict, with any degree of certainty, what regulations will change and what affect any changes could have on existing projects.

We do know, however, that some requirements are not just regulations but are actually part of the LWCF Act passed by Congress. An example of this is the requirement that no property acquired with assistance from the program may be converted to any use other than outdoor recreation without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior. This is written into the law and to change that requirement to allow fund assisted property to be converted would take an amendment of the Act and this is not likely to occur. This should help dispell the fear some people in the Town have about the Federal and State government being able to step in and "take" the property for other purposes such as highway development.

Sincerely,



Craig Whipple
HCRS Grants Administrator

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cc: Shirley Godfrey
John Lange