



June 5, 2015

Mayor Elizabeth C. Patterson  
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building  
4 South Eagleville Road  
Mansfield, CT 06268

RE: Windham Airport  
Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting  
Connecticut Airport Authority

Dear Mayor Patterson:

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Jean Loewenstein with CHA. She can be reached (518) 453-8771 or via email at [jloewenstein@chacompanies.com](mailto:jloewenstein@chacompanies.com).

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.  
Executive Director

Enclosure



June 5, 2015

Mayor Ernest Eldridge  
979 Main Street  
Windham Town Hall  
Willimantic, CT 06226

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Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting  
Connecticut Airport Authority

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September 29, 2015

Town of Windham  
979 Main Street  
Willimantic, CT 06226

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September 29, 2015

Town of Mansfield  
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building  
4 South Eagleville Road  
Mansfield, CT 06268

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Connecticut Airport Authority

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Executive Director



September 29, 2015

Town of Chaplin  
495 Phoenixville Road  
Chaplin, CT 06235

RE: Windham Airport  
Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting  
Connecticut Airport Authority

Dear First Selectman Rose:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin A. Dillon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E.  
Executive Director



June 31, 2015

RE: Windham Airport  
Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting  
Affected Property Address:

Dear Property Owner:

The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) has conducted a detailed study to evaluate existing obstructions that penetrate the federally protected airspace. These obstructions are primarily trees located near runway ends or located on small hills surrounding the Airport. As a follow-up study, the CAA is reviewing the potential environmental impacts of tree removal, and selective clearing and/or thinning in areas that contain airspace obstructions.

To accomplish this, the CAA is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) under federal and state procedures to identify affected properties and any potential environmental issues of removing trees and/or installing a pole-mounted red obstruction lights. No actual tree removal or construction activities are pending at this time; just the required evaluation. A map of the existing tree obstruction areas is included. As more information becomes available it will be posted on the following website: <http://windhamairport.caa-analysis.com/>.

Your property has been identified as potentially having an obstruction that penetrates the federally protected airspace. As a result of the possible obstruction, the study requires a CAA contractor, Clough Harbour Associates (CHA) to conduct visual reviews of the subject areas. In many instances the field personnel will conduct their review from the public right-of-way; however in certain instances personnel may find it necessary to briefly enter private property to observe trees and site conditions in the summer and fall of 2015. These personnel will all carry proper identification.

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Sincerely,

Robert J. Bruno  
Director of Planning, Engineering and Environmental  
Connecticut Airport Authority

## Loewenstein, Jean

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**From:** Loewenstein, Jean  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 9:36 AM  
**To:** 'Tim Saternow'  
**Cc:** Martelle Sr, Jeremy  
**Subject:** RE: Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting Letter

Good morning Mr. Saternow,

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Assessment being conducted by the CAA. In regards to the potential for beacon installation, the CAA is only conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) under federal and state procedures to identify affected properties and any potential environmental issues of removing trees and/or installing a pole-mounted red obstruction lights at this time. No tree removal or construction activities are pending. The letter you received is intended to inform you of the ongoing assessment and to alert you that personnel may find it necessary to make visual inspections on or near your property.

The mapping represents a preliminary evaluation of potential affected parcels. We have alerted our field staff to your email and concerns and they will review as needed. Once the results of this required evaluation is reviewed and approved by the FAA, a separate project would be initiated to conduct any construction activities.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Jean Loewenstein, AICP

Senior Planner

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**From:** Tim Saternow [mailto:tim.saternow@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 8:19 PM  
**To:** Loewenstein, Jean <RLoewenstein2@chacompanies.com>  
**Subject:** Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting Letter

Dear Mr. Lowenstien,

I have just received a letter from Robert J. Bruno concerning the Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting and notice that my property at 310 Mansfield City Road might make a good location for pole mounted red obstruction beacons.

I'm a little confused by this letter. Is this a done deal with no chance of review?

My property is just 50' wide and full of trees. Could I request that the CAA look a few feet north of my property. It's a large piece of open farm land. And just directly south of me is the easement for the huge power lines that cut through this part of Connecticut.

Both of these neighboring properties are of higher elevation than my property and they are already clear of trees.

Will the field observation be able to confirm my observations?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Saternow

PS: My property will soon be sold. Please direct any future letters to:

310 Mansfield City Road  
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

## Loewenstein, Jean

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**From:** Loewenstein, Jean  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** 'carol.person12@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** Windham Airport Tree Removal and Lighting

Good Morning Carol,

This is regarding the ongoing environmental assessment study for obstruction removal and lighting. Currently the CAA is only conducting a study of the potential environmental issues of removing trees and/or installing pole mounted obstruction lights, no actual work will occur as part of this study. This study must be approved by the FAA and any physical work to be completed would occur under another project. You would be contacted if the FAA determined that trees would need to be removed from your property.

As stated in the letter, in most instances field personnel will be able to complete their work from the public Right of Way. If you have additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at the number below. I am in the office every day this week. I tried to contact you earlier this morning but did not reach you.

Finally if you do not want anyone on your property we will inform field personnel.

Thanks,

**Jean Loewenstein, AICP**

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## Loewenstein, Jean

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**From:** Person, Carol (RIS-HBE) <carol.person@lexisnexis.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 3:58 PM  
**To:** Loewenstein, Jean  
**Subject:** Windham Airport - tree removal and lighting

Jean  
I am Carol Person, my husband and I received a letter in July that our property has been identified as potentially having an obstructions that penetrates the airspace.

I would like to set up some time with you to discuss this and exactly what this means. I am not expecting that anyone will be coming on our property without proper notice. Let me know when we can chat in the next couple of weeks.

Look forward to speaking to you.

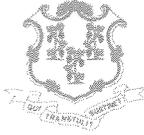
Thanks

Carol  
Carol Person  
559 North Windham Rd  
North Windham, CT 06256

860-450-1888  
[carol.person12@yahoo.com](mailto:carol.person12@yahoo.com)

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November 17, 2015

Ms. Jean Lowenstein  
CHA, Inc.  
3 Winners Circle  
Albany, NY 12205

Subject: Connecticut Airport Authority NEPA Environmental Assessment for Obstruction  
Removal and Lighting at  
Hartford-Brainard Airport, Hartford (CHA 29067)  
Danielson Airport, Killingly (CHA 29067)  
Waterford-Oxford Airport, Oxford (CHA 29067)  
Windham Airport, Windham (CHA 29067)  
Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks (CHA 29055)

Dear Ms. Lowenstein:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed your request for our comments regarding potential effects to historic properties for the referenced project. The existing airports referenced above have been identified as needing tree removal and pole mounted obstruction beacons. The review request currently exceeds the staffing available at this office. A preliminary review completed by this office identified archeological sites and/or historic districts within or in close proximity to each of the identified facilities. SHPO understands that the tree removal will be done with as little ground disturbance as possible, without grubbing and grading. As a result, this office considers the potential impact to archeological sites from obstruction removal to be minimal, if any.

SHPO is concerned, however, with the effects of the proposed beacons on archeological sites and historic buildings. Several of the proposed beacons are located in areas where archeological sites have been reported, as well as historic buildings or districts. We are therefore requesting that a professional cultural resources assessment and reconnaissance survey be completed prior to construction of any beacons. The survey should take into consideration potential indirect impacts on structures older than fifty years that may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. An archeological assessment should determine the appropriate level of investigation based on sufficient research and field visits. Subsurface testing for archeological resources, if warranted, should assess all areas of anticipated ground disturbance that are considered to have a moderate/high sensitivity for containing significant archeological deposits. All work should be in compliance with our *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archeological Resources* and no construction or other project-related ground disturbance should be initiated until SHPO has had an opportunity to review and comment upon the requested survey.

The SHPO appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. For additional information, please contact me at (860) 256-2764 or [catherine.labadia@ct.gov](mailto:catherine.labadia@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

Catherine Labadia  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State Historic Preservation Office

One Constitution Plaza | Hartford, CT 06103 | P: 860.256.2800 | [Cultureandtourism.org](http://Cultureandtourism.org)

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September 30, 2015

Ms. Catherine Labadia, Staff Archeologist  
Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development  
Offices of Culture and Tourism  
State Historic Preservation Office  
One Constitution Plaza-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT. 06103

**RE: Connecticut Airport Authority- Windham Airport  
NEPA Environmental Assessment (and CEPA EIE) for Obstruction Removal &  
Lighting  
CHA Project No.: 29067**

Dear Ms. Labadia:

Thank you for your recent assistance regarding submittal requirements to the Connecticut SHPO. On behalf of the Connecticut Airport Authority, CHA is submitting a request for review of the above referenced project located at Windham Airport and vicinity, in the Town of Windham, Windham County Connecticut.

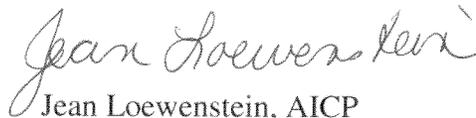
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To accomplish this, the CAA is conducting an NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and CEPA Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) to identify affected properties and any potential environmental issues of removing trees and/or installing obstruction lights. No actual tree removal or construction activities are pending at this time; just the required evaluation. Tree removal or obstruction light installation will be accomplished under a future project. Maps outlining the potential location for tree removal and possible siting locations for the beacons are enclosed and can also be found at the project website. The web address is as follows: <http://windhamairport.caa-analysis.com/>.

As part of this evaluation of potential impacts we are requesting that SHPO review the draft mapping of potential tree removal areas and beacon installation locations as it relates to historic and archeological resources so that potential impacts may be considered in future actions. It should also be noted that when tree removal does occur it will generally include clearing, without grubbing or grading and will be implemented with minimal soil disturbance (e.g., removal to trees, with retention stumps and undergrowth).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-453-8771 or [jloewenstein@chacompanies.com](mailto:jloewenstein@chacompanies.com) or the CAA Director of Engineering Robert Bruno at (860) 254-5516 or [rbruno@ctairports.org](mailto:rbruno@ctairports.org).

Sincerely,



Jean Loewenstein, AICP  
Senior Planner

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Enc.

Cc: Colin Goegel, Project Manager, CAA  
Robert Bruno, Director of Planning Engineering and Environmental, CAA  
Kurt Sendlein, Airport Manager

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September 30, 2015

Mr. Thomas Tyler, Director  
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation  
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

**RE: Connecticut Airport Authority- Windham Airport  
Environmental Assessment for Obstruction Removal and Lighting  
CHA File: 29067**

Dear Mr. Tyler:

On behalf of the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), CHA is submitting a request for review of the above referenced project located at Windham Airport and vicinity, in the Town of Windham, Windham County Connecticut as it relates to resources defined by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

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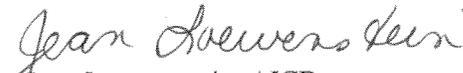
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Two areas have been identified for the selective removal of trees near Runways 27 and 36. Nearby resources include Mansfield Hollow State Park and the Alpine North State Park Trail. In addition a pole mounted obstruction beacon may be installed in Beaver Brook State Park (Beacon IJD-1). Recognizing that these parks are an important statewide resource, we would like your office to review the locations of the potential selective thinning and clearing and beacon installation as it relates to 4(f) resources. It should be noted that when tree removal does occur it will generally include clearing, without grubbing or grading

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