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Chairman Brendan O'Donnell
Planning Board
Town of Canterbury
P.O. Box 500
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RE: Wetlands Buffer/Setback proposed warrant article

Dear Chairman O'Donnell:

My wife and I are seasonal residents of the Town of Canterbury residing at 29 Harmony Lane for nearly the past 13 years.

Last year, it came to my attention that the Town of Canterbury zoning ordinance does not contain a provision for any buffer/setback from designated wetlands. As a result, I contacted Chairman Ken Stern of the Canterbury Conservation Commission in June 2024 requesting an opportunity to meet with the Commission to discuss a proposed wetlands buffer/setback. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, this meeting did not occur in 2024. I intended to again address this issue in 2025.

While reviewing the minutes of the Planning Board meeting held on April 22, 2025, I was pleasantly surprised that another Canterbury resident contacted the Land Use Administrator inquiring whether Canterbury has a wetlands buffer/setback in its zoning ordinances. At the next meeting of the Planning Board held on May 13, 2025, you introduced a list of potential ordinance changes including "wetlands buffer".

Encouraged by this momentum, I again contacted Chairman Stern and requested an opportunity to appear before the Conservation Commission to discuss wetlands buffer/setback. On July 10, 2025, I appeared before the Conservation Commission explaining my desire to have a warrant article proposing a wetland buffer/setback for the Town residents' consideration at the March 2026 Town Meeting. The Commission and I engaged in thoughtful discussion of the proposal and, at the

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conclusion of the discussion, the majority of the Commission agreed that Vice-Chair Kelly Short would confer with you and the Planning Board to see if there was a shared concern on his issue.

In furtherance of this discussion, I respectfully request an opportunity to appear before the Planning Board on September 9, 2025 to discuss this proposal and ask the Planning Board to sponsor a proposed warrant article for a wetlands buffer/setback at next year's Town Meeting.

I look forward to your response. Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this matter.

Warmest regards,



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