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**Re: Proposed Ordinance Item O30.094**

Dear Representatives:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. My Name is Barbara Clay, and I own the original circa 1749 house and farm located at 111 Farms Road in Stamford. I support proposed Ordinance Item O30.094. The environment has been speaking to us, whether by wild forest fires, droughts, and even a pandemic – and it is asking us to care for it more than we have in the past. I summarize below why I support this proposed ordinance.

**Let's Protect Our Community's Health.** There are strong scientific links between the use of common pesticides and a long list of serious illnesses, as well as many pesticides being known endocrine disruptors. Even small exposures can be harmful and can come into homes as easily as on the bottom of our shoes. Pesticides are potentially dangerous to our communities. Banning the use of pesticides and opting for organic management, particularly for cosmetic purposes, helps protect people, and our environment from unnecessary harm.

**The Long Game Suggests Organics Work.** It has been reported that organically managed grounds are less susceptible to disease, ultimately, making care for the grounds safer and cheaper. It also has been reported that use of non-organic pesticides increases the resistance of organisms that damage plants.

**Let's Protect Our Waters.** Runoff carries pesticides into our water streams and can accumulate in such waters. Algae blooms are often a result of pesticide run off.

**These Ordinances Work.** In Ontario, Canada where bans have been in effect for multiple years, there has been a significant decline in the amount of pesticide present in waters and on land.

I appreciate the opportunity to present my view on this topic.

Very truly yours,

**Good Counsel Group**

Barbara Clay

