PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Town of Ridgefield
Town Hall

November 13, 1972

MAILING ADDRESS: 400 Main Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Mr. Joseph J. McLinden, First Selectman Board of Selectmen 400 Main Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Re: Open Space - Chestnut Hill subdivision

Dear Mr. McLinden:

Reference is made to your letter of October 20, 1972 regarding the subject above.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 26 (PRD Regulation) under which provisions this subdivision was approved, the Planning & Zoning Commission may dedicate open lands as follows:

"To the Town (under the auspices of the appropriate agency) for active recreational purposes, or for conservation purposes.

To a private association (such as the Nature Conservancy or the Land Conservancy of Ridgefield, Inc.) legally constituted for conservation purposes, as to a private association consisting of the owners of the lots within the Planned Residential Development for specified recreational purposes."

Since the lands in question were specifically included by contour elevations within the Titicus River Watershed program prior to the date of application, the Planning & Zoning Commission decided upon approval of the PRD scheme to dedicate the lands to the Town under the auspices of the Conservation Commission. This decision was prompted by the very nature of the lands, and by the limited recreation potentials that the lands possesses.

However, analyses of the use limitations set forth in the Town Ordinance creating the Conservation Commission (Part II, Art. XVIII) would indicate that there are possibilities for its use for certain specific purposes.

In light of the alternatives above, we would suggest that a meeting to discuss the use possibilities be arranged between the Conservation Commission and the Golf Course Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Oswald Inglese,

Planning Director

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