

-Free Zone

give the ordinance more legal weight, according to town attorney Jeffrey Sienkiewicz. "The state statutes that set up the nuclear waste disposal and siting process give municipalities some say over the siting of a facility through zoning," he said. "But if zoning denies a permit because the use is not permitted

under zoning, it can be appealed to the Connecticut Siting Council, which has ultimate jurisdiction."

Though state and Federal laws can pre-empt local zoning, according to Mr. Sienkiewicz, "towns shouldn't overlook their ability to regulate through zoning. You might have a better shot at sustaining the town's position than just through an ordinance."

Arny Lake of Lakeville, who has been involved in the Sharon and Salisbury