

Paul Foley

From: James Westervelt [68newyork@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Paul Foley
Subject: Oak Bluffs North Bluff Seawall Project

Dear Commissioners,

I write in support of the Oak Bluffs North Bluff Project now being discussed by the Commission. I have served on many town committees including the OB Planning Board. I presently serve on the Oak Bluffs Capital Program Committee. Our committee was established in 2012 and has been reviewing all of Oak Bluffs town department capital requests annually. The North Bluff Seawall Project has been discussed since 2012 by our committee and has been in our Capital Improvement Plan since 2013. Our plan is and has been available on the Oak Bluffs Town Website and presented every year at the Annual Town Meeting.

The North Bluff Seawall Project has been discussed, planned, engineered and permitted for by the Conservation Committee over a 6 year span. The ConCom has regularly attended Board of Selectmen meetings as well as holding public hearings to discuss the project. The members of Oak Bluffs Conservation Committee is a well respected, well educated, well informed dedicated group of individuals who have work long and hard in the planning of this project. The town administration has worked long and hard in stabilizing its financial base and improving the overall financial rating enabling the Town to move forward with this much needed project. For the opposition to suggest a lack of transparency (at the 11th hour) on this matter is to admit their own lack of concern for the well being of Oak Bluffs infrastructure and the potential loss of millions in state funding to pay for the project.

Sincerely,

James Westervelt
Oak Bluffs Capital Program Committee