

To: MV Commission Members and Staff

From: Steve Bernier

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Subject: Squibby Causeway

Thank you to all who helped make the road show at the CCC happen. I was impressed with how many caring people were present on both sides of the issue including each of you.

*I want to add a different voice and perspective, before you vote on this project.*

Last evening I heard the voice of the applicant through their hired professionals, it was impressive. The homeowners are doing what they feel they need to do to protect themselves.

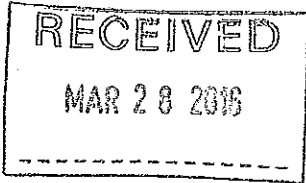
I heard from the un-hired non-professionals in Chris, Thomas, Doug and Charlie. How do these four stand a chance against the "hired gun" so to speak?

Constance mentioned that this "causeway" is the length of a football field. Think about that!

I want to add my voice to these five mentioned and many others who were not in attendance.

- The person who can't afford to buy a Lucy Vincent beach sticker
- The person who needs to access the pond for their livelihood
- The person who wants to kayak on the pond
- The person on the beach, wherever that will be tomorrow as it relates with "the causeway"
- The abutters who are understanding and supporting much of this effort and having to live with it when we all back home

These persons need you to deliberate this case carefully.



My thoughts on how we go forward from last evenings dialogue sounds like this.

The parking lot should be relocated as presented.

Make the road access as drawn and continue to Money Hill on land as best can be predicted by Reid and applicant's engineer – no causeway. Moving the road and separating it from the parking area will improve things for the homeowners considerably.

Allow for fishing and recreation to the pond as best possible respecting the ecosystem.

The entire revetment should be removed and allow nature to take its course.

Allow nature to show us the next chapter in her book, my guess is 5 years and use this time to learn how to transport people and material from A to B.

I hope we learn to deal with the changes coming, 5 years from now we will see this better to what's next.

This feels like a better plan that harmonizes us all and the beautiful environment we so dearly cherish.

Thank you for this opportunity,

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