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Dear Ed,

Thank you for your most recent letter dated September 30, 2024, and directed to the Greensboro Select Board.

First, I and the Greensboro Select Board are all familiar with the Vermont Statutes governing conflicts of interest, as well as the Greensboro Town policy relative to conflicts of interest, which is stricter than State statutes. We are also aware of the changes to the law taking place January 1st.

Second, as I am sure you know the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options is exempt from Vermont's Open Meeting law for good reasons. Nevertheless, given the heightened controversy around the issues you address let me set out the most pertinent facts.

- A. The engineering firm Hoyle Tanner has been seeking a wastewater site in Greensboro for a number of years. The most recent possible site, property owned by the Catholic Church, fell through when the Parish opted not to sell.
- B. Stone Environmental has been working with Hoyle Tanner and in their study of soil and geographic maps of the area they recently identified the land of the Perron Farm as a site worthy of consideration for septic and wastewater.
- C. Because of multiple issues Stone Environmental also suggested that land might also be appropriate for the housing project under consideration.

MacNeil is on the Select Board. He is married to Alice Perron, one of the two owners (with her brother) of that farm. We are well aware of the potential for conflicts and you can be sure MacNeil will recuse himself from any consideration or decision making relative to this property.

We have a Select Board meeting on October 9th and I will ask the Board to post any documents related to this issue on the Town website to help allay your client's concerns and to respond to your requests for documents.

Sincerely,

David F. Kelley
For the Greensboro Select Board