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Mayor J. Andrew Sayre
Village of Bald Head Island
Bald Head Island, North Carolina

Cooperation with the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority

Dear Andy:

I am reaching out as chairman of the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (the Authority) to find ways that the Authority and the Village can cooperate concerning the purchase of the Bald Head Island ferry system, as requested by the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) at its May 4, 2021 meeting. The Village has consistently expressed its concern that Village residents do not have sufficient voice in the decision making of the Authority regarding the ferry system. Therefore, I would like to take you up on the suggestion you made to me following the LGC meeting that the Village and the Authority appoint a task force consisting of property owners and residents of the Village to come up with recommendations regarding operations, capital expenditures, governance and processes for public input for the Authority to consider in operating the ferry transportation system going forward. This task force would begin meeting immediately and would have input in the operation of the ferry system from the outset. The task force would not include you or the Mayor Pro Tem from the Village, or myself or any other member of the negotiating committee from the Authority. I have several Authority members in mind who would be good candidates for this group and would look forward to working with you to put that together.

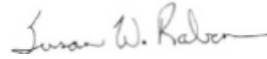
At the next meeting of the Authority on May 27, 2021, we expect to present proposals from several appraisers to the Trustees in order to address the issues raised about the Worsley appraisal, and anticipate getting that process started as soon as the Trustees make a selection and authorize the contract. We also expect the subcommittee of the Trustees previously appointed to develop the post-acquisition budget to focus on that work while the appraisal is underway.

As you are well aware, all of this will take time. Therefore, we are also asking the Village to extend the waiver and termination of its right of first refusal, which has been delivered to the Authority's counsel to be recorded upon closing of the purchase of the system or returned to the Village on August 31, 2021 if the transaction has not closed by then, to a later date in 2021 (such as December 31, 2021) to allow these additional steps to be taken as requested by the LGC.

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I would appreciate it if you could have this letter posted on the Village web page along with the other BHITA documents. I look forward to hearing from you and the Village Council, and to working with the Village.

Very truly yours,



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