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Dear Brookville Resident,

I am writing you today as a follow up to our Tam O'Shanter Town Hall Meeting held last week.

First of all, I want to thank all of you who took the time to attend. We had a strong turnout (over 130 people). Many questions were asked about the Nassau County Department of Health's (NCDOH) mandate that all soil be remediated through a scrape, remove and replace process (an untenable situation). As an alternative, the developer introduced another possible option to remediate the soil by tilling in place. A great deal of time and many questions were asked concerning this alternative.

It's obvious that neither is the perfect solution, but I felt it was important to bring you up to date and to provide transparency.

Secondly, I felt it was crucial to "hear your voices" again. And indeed, we did. Every resident who wanted to speak at the meeting had a chance to do so. A number of suggestions were made about what could be done (some viable, some less realistic, a few that were versions of previous ideas and some changes in thinking based on new information).

Our Planning Board, which has ultimate jurisdiction over the review and approval of subdivisions in the Village, has spent a great deal of time and effort reviewing the proposed subdivision of the Tam property to assure that it complies with the Village's master plan, zoning and subdivision regulations.

During that review process, soil contamination was identified early on by the planning Board and conditions were imposed to assure that the soil would be remediated under the auspices of the NCDOH.

The Planning Board chairman, Ed Haleman, and other board members were present at our Town Hall meeting and also heard your voices — loud and clear. To that end, the Planning Board will fully analyze all suggestions made as well as the impacts of the remediation alternatives.

Whatever the final outcome, nothing further will occur on the property unless and until the appropriate applications are made to the Planning Board and reviewed and analyzed by that Board along with its engineers and environmental consultants.

This review will include public meetings at which all are welcomed to be heard. We expect this review to take some time.

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But to quote an email received from one of our residents:

“We all love this Village. Most of us raised our kids in this Village and we elected people like you, Dan, to watch over our Village. It’s time to trust in the judgment of your Village officials that they have every motivation to address all the environmental concerns and will do it in the most thoughtful and comprehensive way.”

Finally, I want to say “thank you” to the many other residents who sent follow up emails – expressing their confidence in me as their mayor as well as our Board of Trustees. Our charge is not only to “watch over our Village” but also to be vigilant about the safety and wellbeing of our residents.

Thank you,


Daniel H. Serota