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Dear Mr. Genova:

The following note was sent by email to the parties listed at the bottom of it on July 19, 2016. No one acknowledged receipt, therefore I am re-sending the email by certified mail to the Town Attorney and John Wagner Esq. (on behalf of Beechwood POB LLC and its successors in interest who may control the Country Pointe Plainview site).

PLEASE read the note, circulate it to the parties listed as the cc'd persons, and please inform me immediately if any of the points memorialized in the note from the conversation I had with Messrs. Scalrea Rozea and Ellsworth at the direction of Supervisor Venditto are erroneous.

Furthermore please assure I am informed of any meeting concerning the plans for the 58-acre Town-dedicated area, particularly that part that is currently forest or otherwise in a natural state.

The emailed note made reference to a graphic attachment. if you did not receive the email please let me know and I will provide that.

Note: If you communicate with me by email please follow up with a phone call or letter to assure I have received it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Brummel

cc John Wagner (of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman)

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July 19, 2016

Dear Town Officials, and Mr. Wagner (for Beechwood):

I would like to memorialize the conversation regarding the forests at Country Pointe Plainview that I had at Supervisor Venditto's direction last Tuesday, July 12, 2016 with Town attorneys Frank Scalera and Matthew Rozea, and environmental consultant/planner John Ellsworth after the Town Board meeting.

Just to be clear about the 'forests':

We were and are addressing the fate of two tracts of forest within the approximately 58 acres to be be deeded to the Town. These tracts abut Old Country Road south of E. Bethpage Rd. roughly on either side of the Bethpage Bikeway and current access road from Old Country Rd. (See attached graphics.)

One tract of about 4 acres is located west of the Bethpage Bikeway and abuts existing soccer fields. The other tract of about 11 acres is located east of the present access road to the "Plainview Office Center", and it extends east along Old Country Road to approximately across from the Coliseum Eatery. (See attached graphic.)

During our conversation of July 12, 2016, the following points were established:

- (1) I was told the Town recognizes the option of preserving forest and not cutting it down for athletic fields.
- (2) I was told Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia is the Town's 'point-person' on this issue.
- (3) I was told there will be at least one public meeting to obtain input on the plans for the forest area prior to any decision being made by the Town Board.
- (4) I was told such a public meeting is to take place in the autumn of this year.
- (5) I was told the Town has ****not yet**** been 'transferred' the deed for the approximately 58 acres to be transferred including the forests at issue.
- (6) I was told both the developer and the relevant Town agencies -- planning and building -- have been told not to cut down or change the forests until the Town decides what to do with them, after the public meeting. [I have taken the opportunity to cc this email to your parks dept. too, inasmuch as I have been told -- by the Dept. -- that have authority over

tree removals.]

(7) I was told (again) the Town will inform me of the time and place of the public meeting so that I can participate and the hundreds of people who recently signed my petition supporting preservation of the forests can be informed of the meeting. Please contact me at this email address, my telephone (516) 238-1646, and my postal address 15 Laurel Lane, East Hills, NY 11577 with any such further information, such as the schedule of the public meeting.

Please note, if anything in this email is not correct, please so inform me ASAP.

ONE QUESTION PLEASE: Can you tell me why the 'Town land' has not yet been transferred? And when it will be? Does the Town have a lien on it?

I look forward to working with you. Just an observation: the recent destruction of dozens of acres of forest under your authority at the Country Pointe Plainview site reflects what Pope Francis wrote in his Encyclical:

"[T]he earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor".

Hopefully now we can redeem our sense of "The urgent challenge to protect our common home" -- i.e. the natural world -- as the Pope also wrote.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Two pdf's depicting and measuring the deeded forests from daftlogic.com website.

cc Messrs Rozea, Scalera, Ellsworth, Councilwoman Alesia, Supervisor Venditto, John Wagner Esq. (attorney for Beechwood), James Whelan (Buildings), George Baptista (Parks/Trees)

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