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To the Mayor and Trustees of Tuxedo Park,

I am aware that there is to be a meeting this evening, and that the causeway wall will be discussed. I am unable to attend, as I am with my mother who is terminal at this point.

I was sorry to hear that you rescheduled the normal meeting until tonight, because, as you are all well aware, many residents are away or traveling with their families, and will be unable to attend. There could not possibly have been a less convenient time than the day before New Years Eve for the majority of residents in the Park.

I want to make absolutely certain that the residents and taxpayers in Tuxedo Park are made fully aware of what I recently offered to do for the Village, in a final attempt to bring closure to what has been ten months of horrible inconvenience to the residents, as well as needless, massive, and totally unnecessary expense to both me personally, and to the taxpayers.

I want residents to be aware that the trustees, whose fiduciary responsibility it is to represent their best interests, and spend their taxpayer dollars wisely, have elected to completely disregard an offer by me to put an end to all of this, save additional exorbitant expenditures of their taxpayer dollars which will now be squandered on additional legal fees, and engineering fees, and get the causeway open before the ground froze, and winter was upon us.

That could have easily happened, but you have instead chosen to extend the terrible inconvenience of having the causeway closed all winter, and pursue me as an individual, in a most aggressive and vindictive way, and, in my opinion, refuse to keep the best interests of the people you are elected to represent as your first priority.

I was contacted in early December, and asked if I would agree to meet with Jili Neuhauser, our Mayor, Alan Yassky, who has worked tirelessly, and with no compensation for his efforts, to try and get the causeway repairs done in an economical and intelligent way, and One additional Trustee.

We met at my home on December 2nd. Trustee Mary Jo Guinchard was also present at that meeting. This was my last attempt at trying to reach a resolution that would benefit the residents of Tuxedo Park, and end this nightmare.

My proposal to our Mayor had not one, single thing in it that benefitted me personally. It hurt me personally in every possible way, including financially, destruction of my property value, putting me in a construction zone into next summer, and additional aggravation and stress, ten months of which I have already endured.

I, in good faith, offered to do the following:

- 1). Drop my Article 78 proceeding, which would have saved the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in unnecessary legal fees going forward, and avoided a long, drawn out court battle.

2). Forfeit my Claim for Damages, which is ready to be filed against the BOT, and involves massive legal fees, engineering fees, special consultant fees and research fees, loss of property value, inability to refinance , etc. The personal expenditures to me over the course of the last ten months in being forced to defend myself against the BOT have been absolutely massive. Including this in my proposal was an extremely difficult decision for me, and not one I was at all comfortable with.

3) I volunteered to DONATE, FREE OF CHARGE, to the Village, approximately 5,000 square feet of the front of my property, directly facing the lake, and in my direct view corridor, so that they could dig a 20 foot deep, 250 foot long trench along the back of the wall to do the "repairs" that they want to do. There is nothing but downside to me, obviously, to offer to make this donation, which would have been a very significant contribution by me to the village.

Under normal circumstances, the village would have to compensate me, (purchase) that property to do their project, and it would involve another significant expense to the taxpayers. That was to be my gift to the village residents.

4). I agreed to give the village an easement onto my property for any future maintenance that may or may not someday be necessary.

5). I agreed to let the work, which I still do not feel is necessary, commence immediately. Mr Yassky was very clear that if the BOT had agreed, the work that they felt was necessary could have been completed quickly, and the causeway could be opened before the ground froze. We could all have enjoyed the beautiful lake views coming into TP over the holidays, and everyone would have had a safer, faster, and infinitely more preferable passage through our Village. My property, of course, would have been torn up, unsightly, and stayed that way until late next spring.

6). I agreed to allow the rebuilding and masonry work to be continued late next spring, again, at a great inconvenience to me, and to the detriment of my property value.

I felt certain that this would resolve everything, and although I was hesitant to offer all that I did, I did so in good faith. The only thing that I asked was that the Village agree to take financial responsibility for the municipal project that they are insisting on doing, and that they take responsibility for any future maintenance and repairs for the village causeway and their appurtenant wall, which they should have done all along. That is all.

It was my understanding that evening from our Mayor that she was immediately going to call a meeting with the BOT, and move forward.

To my knowledge, that meeting never took place, and my proposal was rejected.

At this point, I can say with a clear conscience, that I have done everything possible, in good faith, to resolve this horrible situation that the BOT began ten months ago.

I feel that the BOT is not representing the best interests of the taxpayers, and that the municipal bullying, intimidation, and personal attack that I have been forced to undergo for ten solid months should not be inflicted on anyone. It is shameful.

Please read this letter at the meeting tonight, and make sure that all of the Trustees see it.

Very Truly Yours,

Cindy Booth