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Town of Belleair  
Attn: Tom Shelly, Town Commissioner  
901 Ponce de Leon, Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

August 9, 2018

Dear Tom,

On behalf of Marion Rich who resides at 201 Bayview, George and Maria Cantonis who reside at 205 Bayview, Siri Rawson who resides at 209 Bayview, and my wife, Connie, and me, who reside at 155 Bayview, I write in response to your request of Josh Ford of Land Care Solutions to describe the maintenance we are willing to perform on the bluff directly west of our respective properties.

As our homes are directly across Bayview from Hallett Park we have a special interest in the Town of Belleair maintaining the Park to the standards required by the deed of that property to the Town. Such is not being done. The property we own is specially zoned and is valued for tax purposes as water view property. We are not complaining about our taxes. Instead, we have complained that the Town has failed to maintain the Park to the standards required by the deed and such failure deprives us of the water view value. George and Maria Cantonis and Connie and I have listed our respective homes for sale. Being deprived of the water view these properties are entitled to enjoy is adversely affecting our marketing efforts.

We have been told that the Town does not deny the obligation to maintain the Park but simply lacks the equipment necessary to perform such maintenance. We have been told that the Town hopes to have the use of such equipment in the future. None of us should have to wait until such equipment is available to the Town.

We are willing, collectively, to engage Boen Tree Service, a licensed, fully insured, and a well-known arborist, to cut down the weeds, noxious vegetation, and vines from the top of the bank down 15 feet to a height of 6" to 12" from grade and to remove the debris. Boen will not remove any trees having a trunk greater than 4 inches in diameter. This deferred maintenance will be done to help the Town temporarily perform its maintenance obligations. While we are not willing to assume this maintenance obligation in the future, performing this deferred maintenance should enable the Town to more easily meet its obligation in the future.

Please reply authorizing us to proceed to have this work completed at the expense of these families and we will contract with Boen Tree Service to perform this maintenance immediately.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Whiddon

Cc: George Cantonis, Marion Rich & Siri Rawson