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Mayor

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MEMO

TO: Mayor and Administrator

FROM: Ronald Simone

DATE: 09/16/16

RE: Meeting w/ Friends of Hereford Inlet Lighthouse

Message:

I. Administration

- a. Provided Mr. Murray with a copy of the letter he (Mr. Murray) sent to the neighbor and also provided him with copies of both the City's NJDEP approved Community Forestry and Vegetation Management Plans for his review and comments.
- b. We are attempting to "chart a course together" for the planting, maintenance and upkeep of the Lighthouse grounds, and according to our environmental consultant, there are several outstanding issues/dangers at the grounds that must be addressed to stay consistent with the Community Forestry and Vegetation Management Plans. More specifically, the following:
 - i. Invasive bamboo that was planted as a living fence.
 - ii. Poison ivy along the fence to adjacent properties.
 - iii. Replacing the 20'-30' Japanese black pines – an extreme hazard to the 'historical' building, as those trees now tower over the lighthouse and produce a highly flammable liquid known as turpentine. Therefore, if one of those trees were to fall on the building, an adjacent property, or worse – a person, the City would be held liable, not the Friends – according to the Lease agreement with the State and the 'Friends' Management Agreement with the City.
- c. Later it was also stated to Mr. Murray that under NO circumstances is he allowed to threaten or contact any member of the general public regarding an authoritative matter, without first consulting the City of North Wildwood.
- d. In final, it was expressed to Mr. Murray that he has no enforcement authority for issues involving property owners that abut the Lighthouse grounds and jurisdiction in this regard rests with the City.

II. Steve Murray, Chairman of Friends of Hereford Inlet Lighthouse

- a. Noted that those trees and bamboo were planted along the fence because he looks at those adjacent property-owners as his "mortal enemies".
- b. Stated that he would review the proposed Community Forestry and Vegetation Management Plans and respond accordingly after he has had time to review.
- c. Mr. Murray also left the meeting questioning the credentials of our Environmental Consultant, Peter Lomax of Lomax Consulting regarding as to whether or not he is a "Tree Expert".