Date: 9/17/19

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From: Sharon Ware, Deputy RM

Subject: 2019 Pink House Sequence of Events

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* **April 8** Peterson receives email from Victor Paduchak, Legal Counsel for State Senator Tarr, with proposed edits on draft Agreement to Initiate Exchange document (AIE)
* **April 12** meeting at :PITA Hall (Attendees included State Senator Tarr, Save the Pink House and associated partner Newbury Historic Preservation group, Essex County Greenbelt Land Trust, PKR refuge staff)

a) Group discussion on elements of draft Agreement to Initiate Exchange;

b) Bill Peterson presented details of FWS acquisition process, title review/survey, appraisal process;

d) Statement by Greenbelt that while they will facilitate land exchange, do not have interest in being long-term owner

d) Much concern expressed regarding uncertainty of appraised value of house and FWS equalization payment process. Greenbelt proposed to conduct informal ‘yellowbook’ appraisal as way to raise comfort level and keep process moving forward;

e) Inquiry by STP and Newbury Historic Preservation group regarding possibility of replacing roof on house before winter. Peterson responded by assuring group that no evidence of roof leaking has been observd to date. Also explained this can’t happen prior to at least the AIE being finalized due to liability and uncertainty of land exchange outcome.

* **May 21** Bill Peterson notifies partners by email that final AIE is ready for signatures. Includes pdf document with his signature for partners to add signatures (Greenbelt and Save the Pink House) and return to either him or Deputy RM Ware.
* **May 21**  Victor Paduchak (State Senator Tarr’s Office) confirms receipt of Peterson email regarding final AIE and asks if could delay the signing until after Memorial Day due to Senator’s hectic schedule. Peterson responded that focusing on this in June would be fine and not affect the FWS realty process timeline.
* **May 22** - email response from STP (Rochelle Joseph) confirming receipt of final AIE, promising to act on it soon.
* **June 20** email inquiry from Chris Lapointe (Greenbelt) regarding access to Pink House to conduct informal appraisal.using yellowbook standards to facilitate FWS realty appraisal in future. Ware confirmed that AIE had not been signed by any partners other than FWS, though Greenbelt stated they were prepared to sign anytime.
* **July 11** Pink House site visit for appraisal by Greenbelt contractor. STP Rochelle Joseph present as observer.
* **August 8 / September 6** email questions from Chris Lapointe to FWS realty regarding clarification on equalization payment guidelines. Specifically, Chris asked about limits on cash payment in addition to the exchange of house and associated upland should combined value exceed that of Greenbelt marsh parcels identified for exchange.