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Subject: Merry Farm Open Space Update

Dear Planning Board Members,

I wanted to give you an update on the progress of the Open Space on Merry Farm. As you know, I had been hoping that an Indigenous Land Trust would hold the restriction. Ultimately, their comfort holding such a restriction on the island where they have not previously done so, proved too much for their capacity. I had also hoped that VCS might do so, but they are not accustomed to holding restrictions and the Wampanoag component was also new territory that proved untenable.

I realize this has gone on far longer than it should have and I too did not imagine it would be so challenging to incorporate something new, but important into a restriction. I have now had conversations in depth with Sheriff's Meadow who were planning to make a decision on their holding it on Monday. They too had to postpone their meeting. I have also discussed with the Land Bank. I realize that your next scheduled meeting is not or 2 weeks, but I will absolutely have one organization or the other in place by then and look forward to presenting the documentation to that end.

I do apologize for the time it has taken and am grateful for your work.

Jeffrey DuBard

Sent from my iPad