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Planning Board Town of Long Island
Long Island, ME 04050

Dear Planning Board Members,

I would like to follow up on comments made at last weeks meeting. I believe that we are in a position that must adhere to our ordinances. If certain requirements are required, they must be met. All requirements apply. The Long Island Boards make the judgment whether a requirement has been met or not. It is a very simple yes or no.

At your meeting tonight you will be discussing the Wary issue. I would like to make clear to your members what I have told Mr. Wary at our BOA meetings.

Mr. Wary, {"I remain neutral on whether condo's are built or not". They may be great for the town, or they may not. However you must meet the requirements in our ordinances in order to proceed with your condos. You can't just say that, this ordinance or that requirement, doesn't apply to me. You must meet all the requirements.}

If the boards of the town do not adhere to our ordinances why do we have them? If a person can say, that doesn't apply to me what is stopping a major developer from saying that the "Area's conservation easement doesn't apply to them" and we are going to build high rises there. They may look at prior site plan reviews, appeals board decisions or selectmen's decisions to see how firm or weak or boards are.

We are all on the "TEAM LONG ISLAND". Let us hold to our ordinances so that town members can believe and have trust that we are serving their interests.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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