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Hello Sarah,

My compliments on the implementation of your outreach program re: the wastewater question.

I believe there is an issue with the wording of the "Purchase Properties" survey question. It lets responders answer either ALL or NONE. There is no middle ground .

Below is my rationale for a limited purchase response – as I included in my comment to the survey question:

It is financially impossible to purchase all 66 waterside properties on East Lakeside Drive. (That ship sailed 30-50 years ago when camps were cheap and readily available.)

Prior to the sewer vote, Bryan Osborne presented an estimated cost of approximately \$47 million to buy all the East Lakeshore waterside properties. So, everyone knows that wholesale acquisition is a pipe dream. It is beyond consideration.

It does make good sense, however, to establish an ongoing fund to periodically purchase a limited number properties-- as they become commercially available. Candidates might include ones that are decrepit and present not just pollution, but also traffic and public safety hazards.

As the Malletts Bay Advisory Commission in the 1990s and now Friends of Mallets Bay have recommended, let's dedicate at least a few cents of property tax each year to periodically thin the density of dwellings along East Lakeshore.

This accomplished multiple purposes. The removal of each dwelling (replaced with pollution-absorbing conservation grasses) enables the town to:

1. Mitigate some impervious surfaces in the setback of the Bay and thus lessen nutrient runoff,
2. Ease traffic along a substandard road without sidewalks or setbacks,
3. Open up the Bay's majestic vistas to more and more citizens of the town.
4. Reduce the number of dwellings to be included in the wastewater solution.

As stated, I am available to help the process in any way you might deem helpful.

Regards,

Jack

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P.S. Are you still considering a trip to Thompson's Point and Stoneham to learn about successful implementations of decentralized solutions to failing septic systems in environmentally sensitive areas?