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Please include as public comment for the Friday, 2pm special meeting - Executive Session

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In some ways this makes sense. It would give the town a contiguous plot from E. Brunswick Ave down to the water.

I will tell you I have serious, serious concerns about the town buying ANOTHER dilapidated derelict property when we haven't been able to move forward on the pier. There has likely been little to no maintenance on the place in decades. I have been in the back and it is a disaster. You can see through the water through the floorboards in many places. Plus the entire ground level is subject to flooding at every storm surge and tropical storm event in the area.

And I will tell you this – I will 100% support building a **new pier**. I will 100% oppose repairing the pier REGARDLESS of what the underwater survey says. More on that later.

It's on the tax books at like 1.5 million. Asking 2.5 million and I HOPE you do not pay full asking price. It's been for sale for 3 years, so like the pier, there has been little to no interest, I suspect mainly because of the structures. It is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it. If you cannot get the price down significantly, you should be prepared to walk away from the purchase.

You better be finding us a WATER solution. The town already owns a bunch of lots (50+) on the island.

And for a SECOND time, we have missed an opportunity to buy the house directly adjacent to the fire station. It was listed for sale June 29 and already has a contingency on it. Shame we always pick amenities over public safety.

I would love to know the discussions that got us to this point. At least a summary of them. You owe it to the property owners and taxpayers when you spend this kind of money. I would not issue a FOIA request – mainly because I won't put the staff through that – they are already over worked and under paid, but I'd put the commissioners through that to know how we got here.

You BETTER have a plan, and it better be way more than the 'plan' for the pier. The 'plan' for the pier was nothing more than a document that said – we can do this, we can do that – that is NOT a business plan when you are spending 2-3 million of taxpayers money.

And you should much better be able to articulate a sound plan to the public before a sale closes.

I know everyone's schedule is tight and tough to coordinate, and time is critical in some cases, but this property has been on the market for 3 years!

I will say it looks pretty sketchy to put out this meeting notice at 1:47 Wednesday for a 2pm Friday meeting in mid-summer. It looks like you are trying to hide it and avoid lots of public comments, so you better be able to explain what you plan for it, and you better HAVE a plan for it more than just – let McGill come up with a plan.

If an offer is accepted, I think you should pause all of the McGill work until after the sale closes because this fundamentally changes the entire Block Q area and available opportunities.

We eat at Dock House occasionally, and know Tommy and Chris (the chef), as well as other staff. On the human side I feel bad for them if the town chooses to no longer lease the restaurant, but in some ways I get it, and that makes sense to develop the entire thing in total. There are not many economic opportunities between the rivers, so I hate to see us lose one of the few restaurants on the island.

Thank you for reading if you made it this far.

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