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to me

- I care about Highland Beach History especially after I watched the video through Facebook and learned SO much about Sea Bright and Sandy Hook, far beyond what I had already known. My interest in the History of our area is high, and the Sandlass project could help preserve our history and I am interested in getting involved and help bring that possibility to fruition.
- As Council Liaison in Sea Bright for the Beach, Public Relations and Grants, my interest is to explore all opportunities that support a "Sea Bright Experience" for visitors and residents beyond just our beaches.
- If this project could potentially reduce the costs of planned Borough projects in Sea Bright I want to explore that. If this project could increase visitation to our Borough I want to explore that. Our Downtown area needs a few more cornerstones to attract visitors and keep them interested in the town.
- The Sea Bright Council governing body is aware of the Sandlass project that you are working towards. As of now, the Governing body does not officially identify an opportunity to make use of the Sandlass building. I met with our CFO yesterday and checked on the Anchorage Park property but it is NOT Sea Bright Green Acres. I am told that it may be considered Green Acres by the State. It is not on any list that I see on their Web site.
- My vision of how the house might be utilized to revitalize Sea Bright in a partnership with NPS at Sand Hook would be to establish a Gateway to the Jersey Shore (We are the First destination with Ocean front resources south of Sandy Hook) We also have River Access. We would appreciate establishing a Visitor Center, a History destination, a Museum of the NJ Shore, Training area for Lifeguards/OEM/Youth Programs or a Recreational Facility. Lots of ideas.... to tie in the Historical value of the facility and the family story.
- With the main considerations for Recreation, History, A Welcome Center, A Library, or a Museum, the unit could address some of the considerations in the town 2020 plan. Some residents feel we could not handle more visitation. We had almost 70,000 visitors to our guarded beaches this year, and that does not consider the beach clubs nor unguarded beaches. Increased parking issues, Borough Public Works storage issues, and traffic jams along our main road have fast become higher priority. Many residents are opposed to more traffic and congestion. These challenges would need to be addressed as part of the overall consideration, but an attraction of History, a Welcome Center/Library, Museum, Recreational Administrative Facility could be important to the sustainability of Sea Bright. Overall, How/If the Sandlass Project would be considered to help address the Borough's issues has not been officially discussed as yet.

As I had mentioned in several of my discussions with Susan Gardiner: determining the costs associated with any remediations, identification of a location, actual relocation of the building, restoration of the building, and ongoing maintenance of the building, would all need to be understood and somehow funded.

Regards

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