

February 19, 2016

In response to the letter entitled “No Representation,” I have a different understanding as to what has transpired in the matters that the author of this letter states.

I am outlining the statements made in the letter followed by my response.

Statement #1 Nate Mc Murray tried to change the existing Tourist Home Law passed by the previous Town Board to protect the public from the problems that have been created by Tourist Homes on Grand Island. The facts are, his actions favored a very small minority in an attempt to change the purpose of our zoning codes that were established to protect all citizens.”

Response: I believe Nate McMurray responds to his constituent’s request whether it be one person or 100. Examples of a couple of McMurray’s efforts are the trapping law and chicken law.

Statement #2 At a workshop, Nathan McMurray told other board members there were not many complaints about Tourist Homes. The fact was at the first agenda meeting on Tourist Homes, there was so many people there against them, you had to stand up, and park across the street

Response: a) Mr. Mc Murray was correct in that there were not many complaints about the Tourist Homes. My research shows there was not one complaint filed with the town in 2016 against the tourist homes. There was one call made to the police in 2016. That call was made by a tourist home bordering neighbor who complained about two young children (under the age of two) running across their lawn. Law enforcement established that nothing illegally was done and no charges were filed. It should also be noted that the two little children were part of a family who were short term renters and not tourist home visitors.

b) I personally attended the town meeting that the author references. The writer is correct in that the meeting was crowded. However, that crowd included numerous community members in favor of the Tourist Home Law.

c) It is my understanding that Nate McMurray and Bev Kinney tried to get a law in place to regulate the tourist home law. The law was not passed and the Fahnings have now petitioned the court for a resolution in this matter. If the Fahnings win their legal case against the town, there will be nothing in the town code to regulate these homes.

Statement #3 The fact is, he removed the Chairman of the Planning Board and one other member who voted against legalizing Tourist Homes.

Response: The chair only serves on the board for 2 years. The chair was not removed nor was any other member of that committee.

Statement #4 At an agenda meeting when Mike Madigan elected not to vote on the Tourist Home issue, Nathan McMurray called him a coward and later removed him from the West River Parkway Committee.

Response: a) One of Mike Madigan’s promises was to vote on the passing of the Tourist Home Law.

b) The West River Parkway Committee – there is no such committee.

Statement #5 When the Town Board elected to have a community meeting at the Grand Island School about the West River bicycle path, hundreds of residents attended supporting Option 4. Nathan McMurray avoided this meeting because he was moving forward with Option 3 and he did not want to listen to any other options.

Response: It is a matter of record, Nate McMurray announced (at a town meeting) that he would not attend the Grand Island School Meeting if state representatives were not in attendance. The state notified the board that they would not be there. Personally, I didn’t see a need for this meeting. The people had been given plenty of opportunities in previous meetings and petitions to state their opinion.

Statement #6 New York State has shown that they do not want to maintain the property and thankfully for the West River Association, you can see the west river. As far as I know, there is no guarantee New York State will maintain the West River area.

Response: This issue has been addressed numerous times and as late as the meeting with the Greenway Commission on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Although McMurray has no control over the state's project, I believe our supervisor has an outstanding record (see Nate's accomplishments below) for getting things done.

Statement#7 It is my hope that Nathan McMurray starts representing the population of Grand Island and not his own agenda

Response: Here are many of Nate's accomplishments since January 2016. I am not sure which action the writer identifies as Nate's own agenda or activities that do not consider the interests of our entire community.

- .....The clean up of the roundabout and planting of trees along the thruway exit
- .....Term Limits
- .....Movement on the Dunlop Building that has been dormant for nearly 24 years.
- .....Development of a Community Center in progress
- .....New Farmer's Market
- .....Solar Power Law (led by Bev Kinney) and backed by Nate from the beginning
- .....Broadband (led by Bev Kinney) and backed by Nate from the beginning
- .....Master plan update in progress (grant requested)
- .....Sidewalks (grant requested)
- .....Grant for improvement to town hall
- .....New Tourist Center

Respectfully Submitted,

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