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To: Town Clerk
From: Mike Madigan
Subject: Public Notification of Violations by NYS Parks (Mark Thomas) and Town Supervisor
Date: 11-April-2018

Dear Town Clerk: Please place the following item on the Regular Town Board Meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM Monday April 16, 2018:

On 09-December, 2016 Town Supervisor McMurray received a SEQR Lead Agency Designation Request from NYS Parks that required review and action by the Town of Grand Island Board regarding the West River Parkway Connector Trail project within 30 days of receipt.

This request was never provided to the Town Board – a serious violation considering that failure to respond within 30 days forfeits the Town's involvement in this process and denied the Town any input regarding their serious concerns with this project (The Town rejected the Parkway Closure plan prior to this request).

As per DEC regulations this Lead Agency designation process provides the opportunity of the involved party (the Town of Grand Island in this case) to provide input on concerns with the project and the opportunity to communicate information that could influence a determination of significance – an action that may have impacted this project and may have changed its course. This opportunity was denied the Town and its residents by Supervisor McMurray who had no authority to do so.

This communication was in violation of the agreed to communication process requiring all communication, both to and from NYS Parks, regarding this project, must include Mike Madigan (Town Council) and Nate McMurray (Supervisor). This communication was not copied to all and the impact was denial of the Town of Grand Island to participate in the above noted process.

The above noted communication process was developed due to several improper actions and violations by both the Supervisor and Mark Thomas/NYS Parks associated with this project and was designed to prevent continued violations.

Mike Madigan
Grand Island Town Council