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Subject: rezoning to industrial port wash rd.

Dear Local Trust Committee:

Lisa Baile and I undertook to find a good solution to the current situation with Braedon's use of the site on Port Washington Rd.

I have very strong reasons to now let you know that a better alternative site will shortly be available.

This will be better for Braedon as it will mitigate the problem he has of being too big (and successful) an operation in too small a site and being in the wrong location. I know Braedon has taken steps to lessen the problems associated with that but unfortunately what he can do is limited.

The new site will be better for Braedon and address the concerns of local residents as well as address the problems identified by the conservancy as well as issues of ground water and so on.

I myself would welcome the return of Port Washington Rd to its traditional rural walkable community with the flourishing of road side stands and agricultural road side economic opportunities and walkers. I have a small farm along that road and nearly all the land along that valley/road is actively used for small scale farming. Again Braedon has made serious efforts to address the truck issue but one cannot rely on good will alone should the site get rezoned industrial or come under different management or circumstances change etc... which is a case for having zones.

On that note - I am probably one of the few people now around who lived in that area when the last community plan was drawn up and I was actively involved. I can assure the planner that the level of industrial activity that would be permitted under rezoning was never envisioned let alone supported in the drawing up of that community. And I was there - as they say.

I hope this is helpful. It is encouraging to find that there are solutions that are good for all.

Best wishes, Martha

Simply put - a much better alternative site will shortly be available and it would be good if the Trust could support this better option. It would be helpful if any fees Braedon incurred or fees associated with the transition to a new home could be waived as it really is in the public interest and the goals of the Island Trust that he be supported in this transition.