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Sag Harbor Village
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Dear Mayor Schroeder, Deputy Mayor O’Donnel, and Trustees Gardella, Corish, and Larocca,

We urgently request you reconsider an alternative location for the impound yard. The 24 acre parcel, located at 1310 Bridgempton Turnpike, is in the Long Pond Greenbelt Region, a place of peace, natural resources, and open space. Specifically, this parcel’s deed requires public access. Quality Parks interpretation is that the deed’s public access intent was meant for passive use and enjoyment of Nature.

Couple this with the perceived conflict of interest between Sag Harbor Village and the Town of Southampton. The Village leases a portion of this parcel to the Town of Southampton for a Transfer Station, while the Village, on this same parcel, benefits from Town permission to develop an impound yard. The lease is nearing it’s end. “Perception is everything.”

Alternatively, why not sell the parcel to the Town of Southampton, with the Transfer Station directly owned by the Town, and the remaining parcel dedicated as open space. Use the proceeds to develop a more appropriate location. This is a much cleaner solution.

Quality Parks maintains a Quality Parks Score for public lands, where one point going towards government responsiveness to the public. It’s a sad state of affairs when so many environmental organizations and private citizens are requesting an alternative impound yard site. Please don’t turn a blind eye to all of us, who above all, value open space preservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mindy Block, Quality Parks President

cc. Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt