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Mr. Paul Aubertine, Supervisor, Town Board
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Re: Restore NY Grant for Carleton Villa

Dear Town Board,

I understand that the Board is considering supporting a further grant application for the stabilization of the Carleton Villa's foundation.

I hope that the Board will explain at the upcoming meeting why it would undertake a $200,000 commitment for such a project and explain how stabilization of the Carleton Villa's foundation will enhance the Town of Cape Vincent?

Cape Vincent has done a wonderful job with the new docks and park area down river and with the new town dock, and the newest waterfront project should be a significant enhancement to the waterfront as well. Those are projects that have significantly improved the town. It is hard to imagine how stabilizing the Villa's foundation would benefit the town and its residents?

Before undertaking such a substantial commitment, the Town Board also should complete the due diligence necessary to demonstrate that the Villa project is realistic and is likely to be completed. Nothing to date suggests either, and it would be an embarrassment to commit $200,000 to a hole in the ground.

Very truly yours,

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