December 3, 2024

Town Board of Cape Vincent

Paul Aubertine, Supervisor

Re: Public Hearing regarding Town Sponsorship of Carleton Villa Stabilization for Restore NY Round 9

Dear Board,

I respectfully request my letter to be entered into the record.

I am a tax payer and property owner in both the Village and Town of Cape Vincent.

 I do not support the commercial development of Carleton Island.

I urge you not to sponsor this grant and instead focus resources on projects that will directly benefit our community. Stabilization does not directly benefit our community.

 Given that the last structural report was done 2 years ago and the condition of the Villa has most certainly changed since then, I would expect that updated information is needed to realistically assess the current cost of stabilization.

Having read the Restore NY Round 9 guidelines for application and the letter of intent to apply signed by Supervisor Aubertine, it appears the request is for 2Million yet the cap available to a municipality with a similar population is just 1Million. That is less than half of the 2 year old estimate for stabilization.

 Cape Vincent is not categorized as a distressed community as required by grant guidelines, in fact it is listed as Not Distressed in the updated 2024 ESD’s list.

SEQR is not complete. The Villa is currently zoned residential. Both Zoning and Planning boards have paused further decisions on any variance/special use permits until the TILT lawsuit has been decided.

This project is not ready to go and therefore cannot be signed and certified as such which is clearly required to submit

I am concerned that by submitting this application that does not meet the guidelines clearly stated, we risk being denied future monies for other projects that would directly benefit our community.

Cape Vincent is a wonderful place to live and has much to offer. I urge you to focus your efforts and tax payer funds, of which grant monies are included, on endeavors that have direct positive impact on our residents and the community as a whole.

Respectfully,

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