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From: ed.aldrich@me.com
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Kevin M Aguiar
Cc: ClerkOffice
Subject: [*EXTERNAL*] Resignation of Michael Sheehan from PIPC

In the event Mr Sheehan fails to take the necessary action to formally submit his resignation from our PIPC to you, (as he indicates in his resignation email to our members below) I'm taking the action independently (assuming I am able to do so as the Chairman of the PIPC). Please remove Mr Sheehan from the membership of the PIPC. He had a strong difference of opinion with me over my public handling of a neighbor's correspondence to the Town Administrator, forwarded to me, around possible Covid-19 isolation methods.

I'm taking this action to ensure there are no obstacles or confusion upon your receipt of an application for membership from my replacement nominee, Laurie McDonough Greaney, who I'm very anxious to have on our Commission.

Thanks for your assistance, and if I'm off the reservation in my action here, please let me know what our options are.

Sincerely,



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From: Michael Sheehan <mike@michaeljsheehan.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Ed Aldrich <ed.aldrich@me.com>
Cc: Cathy Homan <catlari@aol.com>; Chris Brown <scoutsdwc@gmail.com>; Fred Stevenson <pirealty2@aol.com>; HighwayHenry@cox.net; ecsailr1@yahoo.com
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First of all my apologies on being so frank and not explaining my outrage.

All of our correspondences are public. Meaning if someone wants to request our email that pertain to the PIPC we are obligated to hand them over. All emails to Mr Rainer are public. Elected officials are exempt. Asking us not disclose the person that wrote the email while might sound good, but if a person asked me I would tell them, it is my duty. There can be no secrets in a public entity. If the person wanted anonymity they should have not included their name and email.

Now the hard part. There is text below if you read farther down asking how to preclude certain people from coming back to the island. I took that and still do as a discriminatory action (after reading it many times) to a set of people that we all know. Me included. I do know who wrote that question but in my opinion should have never been asked. Maybe it was not intended that way but the wording seems pretty strong especially the Red Lettering and capitalization.

Since none of the other members have publicly through this email chain or else where have denounce this notion, I feel it would be best for me to resign from the commission. I can not be part of a group that will not stand up to something so draconian, especially in the current situation. We are better than that, I thought.

I always say what I feel, maybe sometimes I should be more selective, but when you take an oath that is what you are supposed to do, good, bad, or indifferent.

My official resignation will be forwarded to the Town Council

Best of Luck to all you.

Mike