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A FEW THOUGHTS TO MY FELLOW TRORC COMMISSIONERS

"The Vermont Way"

I would like to share a few thoughts with my fellow TRORC Commissioners regarding the past year.

I just read an email from the the Director of the Thetford Library Federation thanking TRORC for their help and support in securing a HUD Grant to help preserve Peabody Library, the "oldest library building in continuous use" in Vermont. TRORC's help is just one small example, yet significant to our small community, of the expert help they have given to our communities for 56 years.

The vitriol underlying the accusations outlined in the 4 TRORC Commissioners slick AI enhanced document in support of their request for an inquiry by the Attorney's General's Office serves no purpose other than to disparage the reputations of Peter and Kevin and to quench the 4's thirst for "justice". The responsibility for "investigating" allegations that Peter and Kevin "control the agenda, information, and outcome" falls upon us, the TRORC Commissioners. We are the responsible party. We have become too reliant upon their ability and have not done our due diligence in reviewing their proposals. We need to step up.

I have only recently joined the TRORC Commission, but I have known Peter and Kevin for years. They are experts in their field. During my 11 years as Chair of District 3 Environmental Commission, they were extremely helpful in responding with professional advice on whether a proposed development conforms with the town and regional plan. They were never condescending and always polite.

As a farmer for 42 years, I was grateful for the expert advice I received from the Extension Service who spent their careers reaching out to help farmers grow their farms. In the same way, Peter and Kevin have spent their professional careers reaching out to communities to better help them grow their communities. I am grateful for them and the rest of the TRORC Staff.

Let us stop vilifying Peter and Kevin and get on with the business of creating a Regional Plan that serves our communities.

Tim Taylor, Thetford Commissioner to TRORC