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Dear Jim and Committee:

We would like to introduce you to our new website, Squibnocket.org, where we are developing an overview of the Squibnocket area which is intended to inform interested parties about the basic attributes of Squibnocket. In addition, we are working on compiling a history of the area through previously unknown diaries, scrapbooks, maps and photographs. Although it is still a work in progress, we have had some very positive feedback and we hope that it will assist you in the valuable work that your committee has undertaken.

While we are not interested in a back and forth exchange, we do want to draw your attention to a misleading point by Larry Lasser in his letter to you dated July 18. Alternatives to the bridge proposal have not yet been developed, reviewed or evaluated. If this were the case, the amendment at the April Town Meeting to create your committee would not have been necessary. Indeed, consideration of alternatives is an explicit and important part of the Committee's charge, and we hope that our comments to date have been helpful. The solution we are urging the committee to consider, could, we believe, have advantages for the entire community.

In March, based upon a high level review of maps for the area, our geologists determined that a dune ridge was a concept that deserved careful evaluation and it was presented as a possible alternative for the Town's consideration. During that presentation, Jim O'Connell rejected the concept as "unworkable." However, when asked, O'Connell said that a coastal engineer would be required for the assessment (potential impact of storms, wave run-up, sustainability, etc.).

As you know, we have hired a team that includes a geologist, a coastal engineer, a civil engineer and an architect who are advising us as we further evaluate the feasibility of the dune ridge and its ability to address the homeowners' access objectives along with broader environmental and recreational objectives that would be of benefit to everyone.

Sincerely, Friends of Squibnocket