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Memorandum Corrected

Date:	November 8, 2010
To:	Town Council
From:	Amanda L. Stearns, Community Development Director
Cc:	Nathan A. Poore, Town Manager
	Justin Brown, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
Re:	2 Inverness Road, Application for Mislocated Dwelling

Stephen Willis is requesting consideration for a Consent Agreement under Section 8.2.1 for a mislocated single family dwelling located at 2 Inverness Road. The following comments address Section 1-14 of the Code of Ordinances, General penalty; continuing violations; consent agreements.

- (c) In determining what, if any, civil penalty to impose as part of a consent agreement entered into pursuant to section 8.2.1 of the zoning and site plan review ordinance, the town council may consider:
 - (1) How long the violation has existed; The house was constructed in 1988, 22 years. It was constructed 23 years since the enactment of the 1965 Zoning Oridinance.
 - The circumstances surrounding the construction which violates the setback; The lot was part of a subdivision in the Falmouth Country Club, approved in 1986 as Lot 42.
 - (3) Whether a building permit was issued for the construction; A building permit was issued on November 29, 1988. This permit included a plot plan indicating the boundaries and the required setbacks.
 - (4) Whether the violation is the result of survey work conducted after the construction which resulted in a shift of the boundary line no
 - (5) Such other facts as the council deems relevant.

Based on the record and factual information I offer the following comments.

- 1. There was no intent to deceive the town or other parties regarding the required setbacks.
- 2. There was a survey available to the contractor and property owner from which to measure setbacks.
- 3. The current assessed value of the home is \$378,400 with an effective square footage of 4,963.

Based on the following guidelines the Council discussed as a basis for determining penalties, a strict application of the guidelines would generate a penalty of **\$3,820**.

Guidelines for determining penalty fee for mislocated dwellings.

Circumstance	Range of options
The age of the violation	Each year since 1965 equals 1 @ \$100 per year = \$2,300 • Incorrect survey X1 - NA
The circumstances of the mislocation of the improvement	 Using geographical features, thought to be the boundary; i.e.: fences, hedgerows or other, X2 - NA
Consideration of ownership and approved building permit plan	 Current owner exceeded the approved Building Permit construction plan, 3 times the value of the area of violation NA No Building Permit Application filed or granted, 6 times the value of the area of violation NA
The assessed value of the parent structure in its entirety. A \$500,000 home of 4,000 square feet of habitable equals \$125.00 per square foot	Value; area of the violation multiplied by the assessed square foot value of the improved dwelling, not including the land, multiplied by two (2) Approximate square footage of the area in violation based on the mortgage survey is 10 square feet and is valued at approximately \$76 per square foot (based on the assessed value and effective square footage) = \$1,520 (\$760 x 2)