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Essex Town Council Members, following is our letter of issues/concerns & also questions in regards to the Colchester School.

Parking has been a big issue right up to this past summer. It was only after the beach was closed, we had new parking signs erected, along with bylaws & the hiring of a security company, did things change. Keeping in mind that the beach was closed, the security team was able to control any issues. What will happen if the school property is sold, Covid is over & now you have 3 lots on Cty. Rd. 50, 2 of which Lonny owns. Many of us in this area are fully aware of past problems between him & town council. If you are left with 1 lot only, you will never have enough parking during the summer with beach traffic as well. Will the Security Co. need to be hired again? This seems to be an expensive venture on a regular basis.

Green space/Community Garden- This area brings such a sense of belonging & being a real part of this community. People drop by throughout the day, some with kids, dogs or even stop their cars & wander around. Besides adding more boxes, there is so much more that can happen here, such as teaching both adults & children about pollinators & different plants. What better way to teach kids than to get them involved! We have people right here on our area that would be so happy to teach them. Yes, there is a cost by the town to have these boxes, but it's not always about hockey, swimming, baseball & basketball courts. This is a quiet, friendly open space where all are welcome & sharing is the focus.

Colchester park is a green space & it is lovely but other than early in the day, both the beach & the park have become the "outsiders place to go". Neither of these will ever be what the school yard has become.

Schoolhouse Heritage- once it is gone it can never be recovered. This issue has been addressed many times. Our question is, "If you sell the school to someone who says they will restore it, are they held to this promise" & also if they in turn resell it "couldn't it be bulldozed down?" There are so many uses for this building & even with different groups approaching councils over the years, nothing changes. As members of Christ Church, across the street, we have people who always want to visit the Church or the Chapel in the cemetery & the School would be no different. All of these buildings are also on the wine route/Explore the Shore, which adds to their visibility.

Chimney Swift's-By now, we assume everyone has received their copy from the Ministry of Environment through Mayor Snively. We sent a copy to him before Christmas, to share with all of you. If you have read everything you now understand they are protected & can only have their habitat moved with permission & the guidance of the ministry. This can only be done with the monitoring & reporting of the owner for five years following. What a wonderful site these birds add to our area.

One of the biggest realities here, of course, is the cost of the school & it's maintenance. Our taxes go towards it, We GET IT!

What we don't get——Why was it purchased in the first place? Was there no thought behind it? Different council, different people! But through all of these years, councils have been approached, over & over again. Never any feedback, time goes on, school costs goes up. You have numerous people in the neighbourhood & community who are willing to help & be a part of something really wonderful. We cannot count how many times our own block on Sullivan Street has asked to be a part of any change or ideas to work with you. Now that an offer has been made for the property & cut your expenses, we have heard this is a "win win situation" for everyone. "We wonder" Is it really??? How much serious thought has been given to the parking & neighbourhood? Short term rentals, really? What about when the partying begins, excess drinking, fireworks, possible camp fires with no regards to winds &/or direction?

Would you like to live here? Is this blown out of proportion?? We think not! Come to Colchester Park & beach by the end of a Saturday or Sunday. See the burnt charcoal or wood left all over the grass, sand & parking lots. The excess garbage everywhere, fireworks at any hours from the STR'S. Are you prepared to hire extra officers to control this? Please do not rush into something that could be the biggest mistake of

all.

This is

an opportunity to get many on board to work along with the Town Of Essex & see what can be done. If this doesn't work out, the town can always list the property at a much later date & have an appropriate buyer then. This is a "Win Win" situation in our books. Thank you for your time spent on this

situation,

Sincerely, Carol & Lynn

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