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Robert. I have talked to Adam. Can you pls include his email

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I write to you concerning the sale of 195 Bagot . The approach taken by the town was not transparent. In fact it leaves one to conclude that it was a backroom deal.

What was the reason and rationale in selling a public asset in such fashion?. Why was it not put up for tender?. Given that the town paid over 330000 to purchase it in 2008 in the midst of a recession and has put over 200000 into upgrades

including purchasing 255 Bagot. The sale price should be disclosed to the public. Running through a deal in a closed door meeting and putting to second and third vote four days before Christmas in the midst of a pandemic, does not inspire confidence that deal is a good value for taxpayers. In fact it looks like the town was deliberately trying to push a deal on the residents with out public scrutiny. We must conclude that this is a sub standard deal that doesn't generate any value for the residents .

What value does this create for the residents who now are being told that more STRs will be in their neighborhood?. Considering the town has yet to address the issue of STRs and draft regulations to mitigate residents concerns adding more will degrade residents quality of life.

The lot is already zoned residential and could easily be subdivided , creating much needed housing stock and recouping revenue spent. This revenue from a sale of newly subdivided lots could be used to rehabilitate the Old School House. In addition would provide 15000 per year in property tax revenues. There are lots of options , if this falls through many more are available , any deal must address the residents concerns.

The town and council needs to reevaluate their approach and be more transparent in how they dispose of public assets. This deal needs to be paused until relevant resident concerns are addressed and mitigated.

Regards  
Adam Grant

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