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DATE: March 26, 2020
FROM: Thomas Cox, Chairman
TO: Board of Selectmen
SUBJECT: Request for BOS Endorsement of PC Grant Application
under the CT-DOH Affordable Housing Grant Program

I am writing on behalf of the Planning Commission to request the Board of Selectmen's approval of the subject application. The Commission seeks to benefit from the State Department of Housing's funding support for conducting a market analysis and housing study in preparation for the recently-mandated municipal Affordable Housing Plan (AHP).

This grant application is a timely opportunity to inform a subsequent update to the Town Plan of Conservation & Development. In particular, the Commission has discussed "affordability" as an aspect of concern for residential development in Old Saybrook, along with connection of individuals and families to social services, educational and job opportunities, health care, shopping and recreational amenities.

The Commission will use its budget for the upcoming fiscal year in partnership with the Land Use Department as Old Saybrook's "share" in the State-funded project to produce these two products: 1) the study/analysis of the housing market for Old Saybrook and 2) the affordable housing plan as an update to part of (the Residential Development section of) the Town's Plan. A copy of the budget approved by the Commission is enclosed for your information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Attachment: Application to the CT-DOH AHPG program

Copy to: Youth & Family Services Agency
Economic Development Commission