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Dear Fellow Bayville Resident:

We, the members of the Bayville Anti-Sound Crossing Committee, along with Mayor Rupp and the Village Board, wrote to you this past autumn concerning what we feel was, and remains, a very real threat to our community. New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, has budgeted \$5 million of our hard-earned tax dollars for a "Feasibility Study" of a LI Sound crossing.

Recently, Friends of the Bay utilized the Freedom of Information Act to discover what Governor Cuomo has been up to since his study was first announced. What they uncovered is very disturbing and clearly indicates that Governor Cuomo is proceeding full speed ahead with this "study" despite the irrationality and senselessness of such a crossing.

Attached you will find a copy of the information as distributed by Friends of the Bay.

The Cuomo Administration is proceeding unabated. Perhaps this is due in large part to the virtually complete silence on the part of some of our elected representatives on the Town, County, State and Federal levels. If you recall, prior to past November's election, we received opposition commitments from all of our candidates for Congress, the NY State Assembly and Senate. Now is the time for you to write to your representatives, Democrat and Republican, demanding that they live up to their word. They need to know our unwavering and singular opposition to a direct assault on our way of life. Your representatives and their addresses are listed at the end of this letter.

During the last bridge battle there was no partisan politics involved as every elected representative from both parties was in total opposition. In order to defeat this needless crossing we must demand all representatives again speak with one voice. This is a hometown issue which crosses all party lines, Republican, Democrat or otherwise, as it threatens our entire community and the beautiful areas within and surrounding Bayville.

We are also requesting the services of any attorneys who would be interested in becoming involved. Please contact Trustee Charon at tcharon@bayvilleny.gov. During the last ill-fated attempt to build the bridge, there were a number of lawsuits brought, which bought us the time to ultimately fight and defeat it. We urge you to share this newsletter with our neighbors in the communities that surround Bayville.

Our committee will be attempting to meet with Governor Cuomo in the near future to point out to him the serious flaws in this project. Hopefully, he will listen with an open mind to our legitimate concerns. But if not, we must be ready to fight on every level, using every tool at our disposal. As the Friends of the Bay stated in their newsletter, "Stay tuned."

Only by standing in unison, as one community, will we ultimately prevail.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Rupp- Mayor

John Taylor- Trustee

Timothy Charon- Trustee

Joe Russo- Deputy Mayor and Trustee

Robert E. DeNatale- Trustee

Robert M. Nigro- Trustee

Michele J. Principe- Trustee

Rena Bologna- Member and former Deputy Mayor and Trustee

George Jehn- Member and former Trustee



Cross-Sound Bridge. It's Ba-a-ack.



Former Congressman Lester Wolff represented our district from 1965-73, when Robert Moses and Nelson Rockefeller were keen to build a bridge from Oyster Bay to Rye. Wolff was deeply involved in local efforts to prevent that from happening.

Congressman Wolff recently cautioned Friends of the Bay that "Just because it's quiet, don't think nothing is happening."

It has been quiet - and things are happening.

Friends of the Bay has submitted several FOIL inquiries to state agencies on the subject, and finally received a response recently.

We have learned that the NY State Department of Transportation contracted with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., in June of last year, to prepare a report identifying "...key elements and sequencing of analyses necessary to prepare an initial feasibility study..."

In essence, the state is paying the consultants \$715,000 to outline the necessary elements of a feasibility study.

The documents identify three criteria to be evaluated to determine feasibility: "**Demand and Traffic Projections; Engineering / Constructability; and Environmental Factors.**"

The documents further state that the next study will evaluate "**five alternative scenarios,**" with differences in "**Landing / portal locations and identification of potential pairs of LI and Westchester / CT locations,**" and "**Type and configuration of infrastructure (bridge, tunnel, combination.)**"

Friends of the Bay is seeking access to the report from this initial study, which was due a couple of weeks ago. We will share this with our members when and if we obtain a copy.

Stay tuned.....

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