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Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 10:19 PM
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Subject: FW: Lombardo Associates Email Received This Evening

Good Evening Everyone,

I am forwarding an email (below) addressed to and received by me at 9:37 PM today from Pio Lombardo in response to my earlier email regarding his statements. You were all copied on that earlier. In accordance with my last response, I do not intend to reply in any way. My own thoughts are that at best he may have regretted some of his previous statements or may still not "get it".

Whenever I have served as a chair with any team, I have believed that the team works best with full disclosure and all information being shared among the members. I copied you on this email for that reason and not for you to respond or for any other purpose. We work well together when we know everything that is happening. Have a good evening.

Kurt J. Zemba

From: Pio Lombardo [mailto:Pio@lombardoassociates.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 9:37 PM
To: Kurt J Zemba RMB
Cc: Breemsnyder@oldlyme-ct.gov
Subject: RE: Response From Wastewater Management Task Force Chair

Thank you Kurt. Please understand my understandings may need clarifications-empathy. We are very passionate about our work and wanted so badly to bring into reality our created vision – that two other engineering firms had missed. We believed we, as any professional services firm should have, earned the of right special consideration due to demonstrated unique creativity and “time is of the essence emergency combat” performance at an incredible low cost to the Town, that created the reason and basis for the Task Force’s existence and thwarted the New London option. That would be professionally respectful not being unfair to others. It is a value statement how that matter is addressed and obviously is indicative to us that there is no value to us in having provided that benefit to the Town. As I mentioned during our Saturday chat, LAI’s ideas are our assets. We could have worked thru the PR issue with the beach community. The record is clear about our long history of a great rapport with the public. My apologies for not being my best dealing with the heat from a very frustrated, relentless constituency that was stoked by their engineer, who threatened me with legal action. The efforts were exhausting and the relentless attacks on me affected my sense of dignity

No request and need to respond. I just wanted to end it all on a positive note for improved understanding and hopefully, good will.

Peace

Pio

From: Kurt J Zemba RMB [mailto:kjzrmb@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 12:28 PM
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3/18/2013

Cc: Breemsnyder@oldlyme-ct.gov

Subject: RE: Response From Wastewater Management Task Force Chair

Good Morning Pio,

I received your email communication. As a courtesy, I shared the public portion of the deliberations and what is in the already published minutes of the Task Force Meeting on March 7, 2013 with you yesterday in general terms without referring to any other specific members' comments which would not be relevant. I would gladly have done so for any firm so inquiring.

As I stated to you the selection was ultimately based on the RFQ Criteria being addressed by the firms being interviewed as determined by the firms' presentation, uniform questions asked of all firms and questions prompted in response to statements made by each firm during the presentations. Points of discussion were based solely on information provided by the firms in their presentation, RFQ and in their answers. The analysis of any statements made by the firms or information provided by the firms was fair subject to review and discussion by the Task Force. There were no numerical scores or a rating systems used to determine final ranks as you imply. It was a secret ballot after general discussion.

This was a special meeting of the Task Force, a public meeting, posted in accordance with FOI and the minutes of the meeting including the final details of the vote is published. Any firm or any member of the public was free to attend. However absolutely no comment, responses or questions would have been entertained from any members of the public including the firms during that meeting.

Whatever discussion you referred to in the conversation with me, yesterday that took place before we spoke between Mr. Risom and Mr. Dix who is affiliated with your firm was, I am sure, nothing other than what is already public information and was discussed in public session. In any case it has no relevance to this response.

All discussion was appropriate, relevant and within the realm of objective evaluation. There was only one vote on candidate rankings and it was final and in the minutes. There was no discussion to revise the rankings or revote them after that as you indicated. This entire process has been transparent. There was no deviation. For you to state or imply otherwise is completely incorrect. What members of the Task Force verbalize to one another and how that effects the final vote is pure conjecture and not relevant.

Per the outlined process developed by the Task Force there will be no further consideration given to any firm by the Task Force after the recommendations were voted upon. That request is therefore denied. Further you state in the attached email that Lombardo Associates Inc. should have been given special consideration on the matter of "re consideration" based on what they had done previously for the town. That very action would indeed make this process unfair and contradicts your implication of non objectivity.

The firm recommended to the Board of Selectmen was recommended on its merits. Favorable and unfavorable comments regarding all firms throughout the discussion including the one chosen may or may not have bore on the final decision. No way of telling. There was one vote taken and the vote was heavily in favor of the selected firm as you know. All discussions took place in a public meeting

I will not have any further discussion on this matter. The selection is closed. I may personally suggest that Lombard Associates Inc. move on.

Thank you for your participation.

Kurt J. Zemba

Wastewater Management Task Force