Hello Kevin - I hope you had a good winter. I'm sorry to tell you that nothing has changed in my conviction to alter my relationship with Tonnadoonah. (I'm guessing the fact that I removed my name from the Tonnadoonah sign gave a pretty good indication of that, and after what I went thru at least year's meeting, that should come as no surprise.)

To a degree, I can understand the frustration of certain people on the lane regarding my family's lifestyle (such as the Eccleston's), but mostly I think there are certain people that have an ax to grind with me personally and decided to use Tonnadoonah and some extremely archaic deed restrictions as a means to try to get back at me for personal reasons. I won't elaborate on that, but for whatever the reason for the situation that occurred at last year's meeting, I don't plan to continue to support the organized Tonnadoonah community structure any more than I must. For sure I'm not trying to cause trouble on the lane, and in fact as I'm sure you know, I tried hard to help support the community with my work in the Conservancy - but we both know how that turned out.

And if I don't meet Tonnadoonah's standards, which is what I saw stated in at least one of the notes leading up to last years annual meeting (and even if I did), demanding that I shell out money for services I don't use doesn't seem right to me. (I'm not good enough, but my money is - that's the message I hear.) Fact it the dues situation has been unfair for decades. The amount of money is trivial for most (myself included), but regardless, I believe that Tonnadoonah can do better, even for the small amount of money involved. The dumpster service is what I am taking primary exception to, and no longer planning to use, and no longer willing to pay for. Honestly, I think it has become a questionably managed service that I wouldn't be inclined to continue to support even if there were no other issues with my situation, and I don't think making it mandatory for all Cedar Lane residents is a good model to promote. It could easily be made into a service club like the septic club, but I understand that enforcing who uses it has become a difficult issue. So it goes once the service was opened up to the general public, but that's another story.

Anyhow, I have a (one page) letter I wrote to you explaining my position, and I also have a 2 page proposal for a differentiated dumpster service rate structure that simply uses 3 categories of residency (seasonal cottage, year round cottage, and homestead) plus a house size factor to systematically create a differentiated rate. I can share those documents with you or not as you choose, and / or we could simply talk on the phone. I am giving you this heads up so you can consider what you what to communicate with the Board, and give you all some time to consider alternatives. (I'd also be happy to send a note to the entire board if that is proposed.)

Anyhow, sorry for the long note and for a problem you obviously would rather not have, but I can tell you for darn sure that I would not want to have gone thru what I did at least year's meeting, but I didn't have a choice on that. Let me know if you have time to talk, and if so, what I good time to call might be. Thanks.

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