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Re: Informational Notice – Interstate Navigation Company – COVID-19 Scheduling

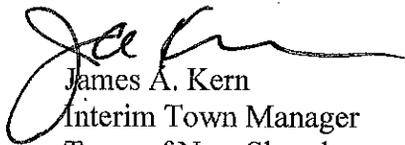
Dear Chairperson Curran and Administrator George:

I am writing to convey the position of the Town of New Shoreham regarding the notice from Mr. McElroy of June 19, 2020.

In his communication, Mr. McElroy describes the approach that is anticipated to be used by Interstate Navigation to accommodate the capacity restrictions for ferries and their plans for this summer season. The Town of New Shoreham supports the approach described and the contingencies mentioned with respect to the use of the various vessels. Moreover, I would like to express our appreciation for the efforts taken by Interstate Navigation throughout the previous several months as they have worked to provide the critical function of ferry service and have done so in a safe manner under circumstances that are certainly extraordinary by any measure.

It continues to be a work in progress, but the statistic for COVID-19 incidence on the island points to a successful effort so far. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with Interstate Navigation in the coming months to provide a safe place for residents and visitors.

Very Truly Yours,

  
James A. Kern  
Interim Town Manager  
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