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From: Moukawsher, Betsy
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Hylton, Lisa
Subject: FW: Letter for the town council

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From: Ken Mayer [<mailto:kjmayer@yaho.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2021 6:24 PM
To: Zidbeck, Marie
Subject: Letter for the town council

Dear Ms. Moukawasher:

Could you please forward this email to the town council members? Thank you so much for your help,

Janet Mayer

Dear Town Council members,

I read the recent newspaper report on Jeffrey Respler. I am wondering if the specific charge below has been addressed as well? Is this the same Respler? I cannot imagine that we would hire a man that took money from a union education fund. If this happened to the union members at Electric Boat, I am sure we would be outraged. Please look at the number of agencies involved in the investigation. This was a serious case and there was a serious investigation by trusted agencies. If people do believe Mr. Respler's side of the story despite this major investigation, then they must also believe that he did not manage effectively. This proposed development involves millions of dollars and will require TIF. I found Mr. Burt's comments regarding this incident and Mr. Respler to be dismissive and disturbing. I expect more. I also wonder why Mr. Respler's application appears to be missing both the non-collusion affidavit and the anti-kickback acknowledgment that is included in the paperwork for Groton development RFPs. In light of this revelation, I hope you will withdraw your support for the Mystic Bluffs/Respler proposal.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and I look forward to hearing your response,

Janet Mayer

Please see page 17, in the Office of Inspector General U.S. Department of Labor Semiannual report below--link provided after pasted paragraph.

Defendant Caught in Kickback Scheme Jeffrey Respler, owner of Plumbing Solutions Inc., pled guilty on December 3, 2004, to conspiring with Donald Sclafani, president of

Plumbers' Union Local 1, to sell property at an inflated rate and kick back the \$1.3 million difference to Sclafani. The money used to pay for the inflated property came from the Plumbers' Union Trade Education Fund. Respler also pled guilty to bribing New York City plumbing inspectors and to committing perjury. This investigation was conducted jointly with EBSA, the New York State Attorney General Office's Organized Crime Task Force and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection OIG. State of New York v. Respler

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