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From: Scott Thomas <administrator@townoflaconner.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Andrea Moore
Subject: FW: Recycled water and 306 Center Street

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From: LeAnn Bushey <busheypetsitting@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:53 AM
To: Ramon Hayes <mayor@townoflaconner.org>; planner@townoflaconner.org; Scott Thomas <administrator@townoflaconner.org>; council_1@townoflaconner.org; council_2@townoflaconner.org; council_3@townoflaconner.org; council_4@townoflaconner.org; council_5@townoflaconner.org
Subject: Fwd: Recycled water and 306 Center Street

Upon us reading the latest article about Center Street and the former article's correction, Troy and I had a discussion on making sense of it all of what was written. Our views still stand on whomever needs to make a decision that it goes in favor to the neighbors and citizens of La Conner. We do agree with the editorial's opinion that the decision should "be for the people". We hope the town staff upholds the validity of the 1986 Rezone Agreement with the Blades. Not only for the citizens but to allow a fair decision with all the information included to make a proper decision. This is a prime opportunity for the town staff and historical society to sit back and look at what better can be done for that lot. We need a vision that continues to preserve the historical significance of our town and on how we want La Conner to look in the future.

Sincerely,

LeAnn and Troy Bushey

Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Thomas <administrator@townoflaconner.org>
Subject: RE: Recycled water and 306 Center Street
Date: August 2, 2022 at 9:43:00 AM PDT
To: LeAnn Bushey <busheypetsitting@gmail.com>, council_3@townoflaconner.org, council_2@townoflaconner.org, council_4@townoflaconner.org, council_5@townoflaconner.org, Ramon Hayes <mayor@townoflaconner.org>, council_1@townoflaconner.org, planner@townoflaconner.org

We have discussed using reclaimed wastewater for agriculture; this would not be potable water, but would be safe for agricultural use. The treatment plant currently uses recycled water as part of its operations, and we have been working to improve that system. Using reclaimed wastewater for agricultural uses would require the development of infrastructure to deliver the water to agricultural lands and agreement with landowners, and we have not progressed beyond the discussion stage at this time.

The newspaper mistakenly reported that the hearing examiner remanded the Center Street project to the town council. In actuality the hearing examiner's decision remanded certain questions to the town (concerning the viability and applicability of the 1986 agreement), and then the decision went on to say that the town should treat the remanded questions as something to be decided using the town's administrative process set out in its municipal code. So in other words the decision will be made by the town's planner, and appeals of the planner's decision would follow the normal process. I understand that the paper will issue a correction to that effect.

Let me know if you have any other questions on either subject.

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-----Original Message-----

From: LeAnn Bushey <busheypetsitting@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 8:15 AM
To: council_3@townoflaconner.org; council_2@townoflaconner.org; council_4@townoflaconner.org; council_5@townoflaconner.org; Ramon Hayes <mayor@townoflaconner.org>; Scott Thomas <administrator@townoflaconner.org>; council_1@townoflaconner.org; planner@townoflaconner.org
Subject: Recycled water and 306 Center Street

To the town government of La Conner,

My family and I traveled to Sacramento, CA recently and we noticed “Recycled Water” signs in cities along the I-5 corridor. My son looked it up for us and we found the recycled water is used for human consumption and agriculture, treated waste water into potable reuse. Our question is: Has our town government looked into this or have considered this in the past? Since we’re looking at becoming independent with power through solar someday that being more independent with water would benefit us.

Also, in response to the front page article in La Conner Weekly News about town council's decision towards 306 Center Street condos, we hope their decision favors the neighbors living around 306 Center Street. Troy and I realize that the Atkinson's in the past may have rights to continue forth with the project and felt objecting would hold no value to stopping it. And we also understood that the town council didn't have control of the situation at first. But thanks to Linda Talman's tenacity and research perhaps there is a chance to stop this monstrosity. We want to now say that if the attorney's advice (by the Town) is in favor of Talman's findings of the 1986 contract rezone agreement we whole-heartedly hope that the council's decision is for the agreement and appease to the surrounding neighbors.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

LeAnn and Troy Bushey