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August 14, 2017

Town of Brookhaven Long Island  
One Independence Hill  
Farmingville, New York 11738

Attn: Annette Eaderesto, Esq.

RE: License Agreement – “Smith Farm”  
Town of Brookhaven and Ketcham Inn Foundation

Dear Annette,

The Board of Directors of the Ketcham Inn Foundation would like to request the renewal of the license agreement between the Town of Brookhaven and Ketcham Inn Foundation which term ends October 31, 2017.

Since the Foundation has a track record of success in applying for grants, we have learned that benefactors are more encouraged to support a project whereby the stewards have a long term commitment to the site. Therefore, we would like to request the stewardship agreement be renewed for a period of fifteen years.

Very truly yours,

Bertram E. Seides, President  
Ketcham Inn Foundation, Inc.

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Daniel Panico  
1 Independence Hill  
Farmingdale, NY 11738

Re: Smith Farm, 1 Bay Avenue, East Moriches, NY

Dear Dan,

The attached is a list of accomplishments the Smith Farm Committee, a subcommittee of the Ketcham Inn Foundation, has completed at the site of 1 Bay Avenue, East Moriches, during 2015, 2016.. Also attached is the ongoing and projected cleanup/preservation efforts for 2017.

We are especially pleased to inform you that the committee's efforts to secure voluntary services by professionals to help clean up the 10 acre farm, at no cost to the Town of Brookhaven continues. The ongoing improvements have been noticed by everyone passing the Smith Farm on Montauk Highway. We continue to report praise and thanks for taking on this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to clean up and develop cultural and educational uses for this exceptionally beautiful waterfront property that overlooks the following: Terrill River County Park Preserve, Patquatuck River, also known as (Samuel) Terrill River from 1698, the dam built by Oliver Smith in 1737, Brookhaven Town Kaler Pond Park, Audubon Center and Flight 800 Memorial.

All of these properties are part of our **Moriches Cultural Hub** and are in comfortable walking distance of the John Scudder and Mary Pelletreau Havens Homestead, a Brookhaven Town Landmark, Museum Shop, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Havens Ketcham Cultural Visitor Center and the Terry Ketcham Inn, a Brookhaven Town Landmark and a State and National Register Building.

The Smith Farm Committee continues to work on this most ambitious undertaking. We are confident that this year's results will be equally as impressive as those of 2016. We are proud that our efforts are noticed and will continue to increase the property values, stimulate Heritage Tourism and enhance the quality of life for the residents of The Moriches and the Town of Brookhaven.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**List of Accomplishments: Smith Farm, 1 Bay Avenue, East Moriches, NY 11940**

**Exterior Grounds 2015**

- Removal of disfigured and diseased trees around the 6 buildings and the 10 acre site are mostly completed.
- American Holly, called out to be saved on the west side of c1830 Victorian Farm House, has been shaped and has a beautiful growth habit.
- Trimming of all site trees has improved growth habit and improved vista upon this site.
- Trimming back of east property line privet hedge row has stimulated new growth and now provides a buffer from the operating gas station.
- Removal of hundreds of yards of brush and debris, with the use of dumpsters supplied by Town of Brookhaven.
- Mowing of the ten acres allowed access to assemble and clean out several debris dump-sites .
- Removal of rubble rip rap wall to the east of the tin farm building allowed for regarding of this area
- Removal of all asphalt and cement rubble from the North/South driveway allowed the closing of this driveway from CR 80. Donated clean soil was added to restore lawn area.
- 2 above ground fuel tanks were removed from the rear of the property donated by Eastern Environmental Services.

**Exterior Buildings & Grounds 2016**

- Removal of brush and debris continued with the use and filling of 36/30 yard roll off dumpsters.
- Re-grading of several severely disfigured areas occurred, including the rise west of the large barn and areas where foundations were removed.
- Property boundaries were fully clarified along the south and southeast portion of the property. (ex: removal of debris which had encroached from neighboring properties and has now exposed vistas.
- Secure plans to restore the historic fence line on the north and east boundaries, further defining the historic public property, thereby improving the street-scape and sense of place.
- Cape roof restored with black asphalt shingles, material and labor donated.
- Replacement of broken or missing glass to c1830 Victorian and c1930 Cape ongoing. Glass and labor donated.
- Removal of residential trailer/decks etc., fuel tanks and debris. Preliminary regarding donated.



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**Exterior Buildings and Grounds 2017**

- Cape - scabbed on lean-to removed, wood shingle restoration ongoing.
- Tin barn - primed with rust-oleum paint, additional painting required. Replacement of wood barn doors - fabricated/donated, installation pending.
- Victorian - scabbed on lean-to removed from back porch, restoration ongoing. Window sash glass replacement ongoing.
- Garage - board siding secured. Asphalt roof replacement pending.
- Large Barn - Multi-sash glass replacement ongoing. Asphalt roof replacement pending.
- Camp Upton Building - Two scabbed on lean-tos removed, novelty siding repair ongoing. Window sash glass replacement ongoing. Asphalt roof replacement pending.
- Ongoing surface debris pickup and removal enabling easier lawn and field mowing.

**Esthetic Security and Environmental Improvements**

- Continued mowing of 10 acre farm has diminished levels of tick infestation due to reduced deer habitation..
- Destructive vandalism has stopped.
- All (9) buildings are visible from CR 80 and Bay Avenue allowing for improved security.
- The Smith Farm now looks cared for taking on a more classic rural appearance conveying a strong sense of a Long Island East End Duck Farm.

**The Smith Farm Committee looks forward to completing improvements to the grounds so the future efforts can be focused on physical improvements to the surviving nine structures and their public uses.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Bertram E. Seides, President  
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