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Town of Brookhaven
1 Independence Hill
Farmingville, New York 17738

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 Foundation would like to request the renewal of the license agreement begun in 2013 between the Town of Brookhaven and Ketcham Inn Foundation of the Smith Farm, Bay Ave and Montauk Hwy, East Moriches. KIFI and MBHS welcome this working partnership and look forward to its continuation with Brookhaven Town.

See attached list of accomplishments completed at Smith Farm, Bay Avenue and Montauk Highway, East Moriches, by the Smith Farm Committee, a subcommittee of the Ketcham Inn Foundation and Moriches Bay Historical Society.

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 20 years.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Ed Romaine, Supervisor
Dan Panico, Councilman



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List of Accomplishments: Smith Farm, East Moriches, 11940

Exterior Grounds

- Removal of disfigured and invasive trees.
- Trimming of all site trees has improved growth habit and improved vista upon this site.
- Trimming east property line privet hedge row, providing a uniform growth habit and buffer from gas station; is maintained annually.
- Annual Spring and Fall cleanup of brush and miscellaneous debris using dumpsters.
- Mowing of the front lawn is handled by Brookhaven Town from the front elevation of the houses to the road. Mowing of the property around the buildings into the backyard is done by Ketcham Inn Foundation. The mowing of the field is done by Ted Smith (adjacent neighbor), a donated service. Additional mowing and landscaping services donated by Mount Pleasant Cemetery.
- Ongoing surface debris pickup and removal enabling easier lawn and field mowing.
- 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 service of Eastern Environmental Services.
- Removal of a fiberglass speedboat on the site by Dept. of Waste Management.
- Removed old foundations and additional cement and brick rubble around all buildings and 10-acre field.
- South and east property line to the southeast corner of the property was clarified with a black chain-link fence.
- Planted 3 apple trees, service donated by Henry Leuthardt Nurseries.



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Exterior/Interior Buildings

- Building maintenance using building materials which match existing.
- All buildings have been broom-cleaned.
- Victorian – New doorknobs, replaced window glass where necessary, ongoing.
- Garage – Prepped for painting.
- Camp Upton Building – New roof including plywood, ice shield, and fascia board. Restoration of novelty siding where necessary, painting.
- Cape – New doorknobs, replaced window glass, replaced door. Basement cleaned out. New roof, siding bleached in preparation for painting, painting ongoing.
- Tin Barn – Roof repairs as required, painted exterior and replaced north doors.
- Dutch Gambrel – Cellar door reconstructed, west elevation siding replaced as necessary.
- Incubator Barn – Roof replacement pending.

Aesthetic Security and Environmental Improvements

- Continued mowing of 10-acre farm has diminished levels of tick infestation due to reduced deer habitation.
- All (7) buildings are visible from CR 80 and Bay Avenue, allowing for improved security.
- The care from Stewardship has enabled Smith Farm to take on a classic rural appearance, conveying a strong sense of an East End farm.

The Smith Farm Committee appreciates working with Brookhaven Town in cleaning up a Town park.

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