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Dear Friends,

Our Village receives fire and emergency services under a negotiated contract with the St. James Fire District. The current contract runs through 2018. The cost of the contract is a village budget expense that is included in the village tax that is charged to you. As such, Head of the Harbor residents are not members of the SJFD and do not have a vote in SJFD elections.

St. James residents are members of the fire district and have voting rights in SJFD elections. St. James residents are taxed directly by the SJFD and their fire district tax is included with their Town and School tax bill.

You may have heard that SJFD will be asking district taxpayers to vote in favor of a bond to finance construction of a new fire station on Jefferson Avenue. The plan would result in consolidation into the new Jefferson Avenue facility and the eventual sale of the firehouse on 25A.

Your Board of Trustees recently met with SJFD Commissioners and visited the Jefferson Avenue firehouse. You may recall last year's rain storm in August that damaged several village roads and caused local area flooding. This storm heavily damaged the Jefferson Avenue fire station. The inspection of the storm damage to the fire station revealed many more problems in that building's structure. Consideration of the cost of repair and restoration of the damaged facility vs. building a new modern fire station has resulted in the SJFD's proposal.

Even though Head of the Harbor residents are not voting members of the District we certainly have an interest in any major change.

Your Trustees will continue to dialogue with SJFD and will ask them for a presentation in the near future specifically for village residents. In the meantime if you wish to discuss this matter you are encouraged to attend a monthly trustee meeting at Village Hall and participate in the public comment portion.

Regards,

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Douglas A. Dahlgard
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