

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Town Planner

To: Town Plan and Zoning Commission
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP
Date: September 2, 2020
Subject: **Outstanding Performance Bonds**

Over the past few months TPZ has released all but two of its long-standing and recent performance bonds:

1. 188 Costello Road: \$66,000 for the new industrial building at the end of Costello Road. Most of this money (\$55,600) is for the second course of bituminous pavement on the parking lot; the rest is for the dumpster pad, pavement markings, and landscaping. I suggested to the owners that they request releasing the bond for the items completed (landscaping and dumpster pad) but they did not respond to my email. I've been told that they would rather wait until they do the paving and then request all of it.

2. 95 Waverly Drive: \$5,000 that was taken by the previous Town Planner in 2006 from the builder of this house to motivate him to rectify the driveway that he installed too close to the neighboring property. It never got fixed. I've been dealing with this builder for over 30 years. We don't take a large enough bond to motivate him to fix his mistakes, and even when we do, we end up giving it back to him anyway (Rockledge Drive Subdivision; 1460 Willard Avenue). I recommend TPZ transfer the money to the Town's General Fund.

Many of the performance bonds that TPZ has voted to release over the past couple of months are very old so finding the rightful owner will take some time, but I am working on it.

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