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Board of Trustees
Doverbrook Condo Association
Chicopee, MA 01022

Re: Former Landscape Committee

Dear Members of the Board:

I want each member of the BOT to know—and the records of the association to show—that I did not participate in the drafting of the letter of November 2, 2007, forwarded by four members of the former Landscape Committee. In committee meetings throughout the past year I consistently advised against taking a hostile stance toward the board, suggesting that the only way we could be effective would be to maintain a collegial and supportive relationship with the board.

When I saw a draft of the proposed letter, I told Ken White, chairperson, to take my name off the letter since I did not want to be any part of such an inflammatory attack on the board. Furthermore, the draft I saw purported to set forth various negative and belligerent decisions viz-a-viz the board that the committee supposedly had adopted. In fact, we had no formal minutes, and the so-called committee "decisions" were merely one member's take on our discussions. We unanimously voted to communicate with the board in response to the board's decision to wait until Spring to further consider the recommendations we had made to the board; however, I repeatedly disagreed with any response which attacked the members of the board. The letter to the board was drafted at a meeting that I did not attend because I misunderstood the time at which it was to take place and missed the meeting entirely.

Frankly, I do not blame the board for disbanding the committee. Any committee that cannot work cooperatively with the board certainly should not have any "official" sanction. I continue to be amazed at the degree of anger that seems to well-up within some people during discussions about situations affecting our community. The ill-will that apparently lurks just below the surface in some people is a far more serious problem to the health of our community than any crabgrass or tree blight.

Thank you again for your conscientious service as members of the BOT, even in the face of hostility and disparagement. I hope, as a community of decent people, that we will be able to find ways of dealing effectively with our "interior landscape;" everything else will be just a matter of details.

Sincerely,



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