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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As we enter the holiday season and 2018 draws to a close, it is time to reflect on all the work done in support of the mission of the North Stamford Association (NSA) on behalf of you, our members.

Engagement with our members, elected officials, and those private and public representatives proposing development, change in environmental, or public services, was a major focus of attention during the year. Seven (7) Forums and events provided opportunities for members to engage with the NSA Board, elected officials, or experts on topics of interest. Our 2018 events included member forums with the Police Captain for North Stamford, the Board of Education Superintendent, a panel of Realtors living and working in North Stamford, the Chestnut Hill Park Ribbon cutting ceremony, the Shred/Recycle Event, our annual Election Candidate Forum and finally, our Annual meeting attended by nearly 125 individuals.

Addressing issues in potential conflict with the mission of the NSA is always a priority for the organization. Hearing from our members to obtain their thoughts is critical in framing responses to challenges ranging from development to changes in city services. This year several topics of concern resulted in strong position statements by the NSA, with many favorably resolved and others deferred or undergoing revision in accordance with our positions. The fifteen member NSA Board of Directors consistently has at least two Directors in attendance at planning and zoning meetings, while others work to research information, determine the impact on North Stamford, and/or evaluate the implications for future proposals that may, as a result of a precedent set, create an irreversible change in zoning or services in the future. Examples this year included proposals for the Long Ridge Club, Lifetime Fitness, Baer Property development, Scofieldtown Park Services, and sewer line expansion to name a few. Visible improvements to our community this year included the completion of “Welcome to North Stamford” signage and a new Bus Shelter on High Ridge Road.

The strength of the North Stamford Association stems from its members. Your collective voice is what garnishes attention and yields results. Our membership continues to grow with nearly 1,100 North Stamford residents in our database. A large number for any membership organization, but with room to grow even further. Please encourage your friends and neighbors

to join the North Stamford Association at www.northstamfordassoc.org so they too will be part of the dialog and the future of North Stamford.

As is the change in the seasons so comes change within our Association. For over 40 years, the North Stamford Association has been led by individuals who work as a united Board of Directors to represent your interests and values, and to preserve our mission. For over two generations, the NSA has preserved our environment, prevented development, fought for proper city service allocation, and addressed quality of life issues of concern to our members. For the past three years, I have served as President working on your behalf to do just that.

During the Election of Officers at the November Board meeting, I will not be placing my name in the running for re-election as President but do plan to remain on the Board through the end of my second three-year term. Another Board Director will be selected to continue the leadership work of the Association. Our organization is always seeking new members and individuals wishing to assist with our work. I ask you to think about how you can help in this regard and to work to grow our membership. Thank you for your membership, your support, and for being advocates of preserving quality of life in North Stamford.

Douglas L. York

President