

Town of Henlopen Acres

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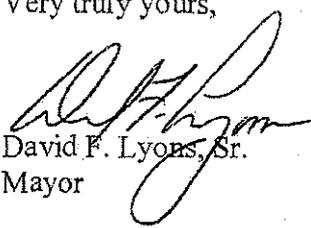
RE: Conservation Easement

Dear Tim,

Thank you for taking the time on July 21, 2015 to talk with Henlopen Acres Commissioner John Staffier, our State Senator Ernie Lopez and myself concerning the Conservation Easement recently executed between the Rehoboth Art League and the Office of the Delaware Secretary of State.

As we explained, to those not familiar with the details of the RAL Easement or with the numerous other similar documents apparently in place between the Secretary of State and other organizations, the RAL Easement can easily be misunderstood to have been intended somehow to override the zoning laws and land use planning authority of the Town of Henlopen Acres. The Town very much appreciates, therefore, your unequivocal confirmation during our call that the Easement was not intended or designed to have any such effect and that, in any event, neither the Secretary of State's office nor your office has the legal power to override local zoning laws or land use authority in any way. Your confirmation in that regard is consistent with the Town's legal advice on this matter, but it is obviously helpful to know that the Town and the State are in agreement. Thanks again for your time.

Very truly yours,


David F. Lyons, Sr.
Mayor

cc: Senator Lopez
Glenn Mandalas, Esq.