

June 28, 2024

Mr. Allen Parsons, Director Planning, Zoning, & Building Dept. Town of Longboat Key 501 Bay Isles Road Longboat Key, FL 34228

Re: Departure request for Seawall Construction – 582 &592 Ranger Lane – Permit No. PB23-0253

Dear Allen;

I am writing as Agent for Mr. Robert Halliday, Owner of 582 Ranger Lane (PID No. 0010-02-9998) Mr. Michael J. Leone, TTEE, Owner of 592 Ranger Lane (PID No. 0009-16-0031) to submit a request for Departure from the Zoning Code. As you know this project was proceeding under a valid and proper building permit (See attached permit No. PB23-0253) for 582 Ranger Lane issued by the Town. The construction extended 32 inches onto the Leone property, at their request, in order to close the gap between the Leone's cap and seawall and their neighbor's (Halliday). Nobody considered another permit was needed.

Following receipt of a complaint a stop-work order was issued on May 13, 2024, citing a violation of Section 151.B.3.a of the Town Code as follows:

- 3.) The repair or replacement of existing seawalls within an existing subdivision or developed area shall be permitted as follows:
  - a.) Construction, inclusive of a buttress and seawall cap, shall not protrude more than 12 inches seaward of the existing seawall or seawall cap. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there are two existing seawalls abutting the subject replacement seawall of differing seaward projections, then the subject replacement seawall shall be further limited to a seaward projection distance of no more than either equal to the immediately abutting seawall with the least projection or a total seaward projection of 12 inches, whichever is less.

This request is for a departure of 15.25 "(27.25" - 12" = 15.25").

The existing wall was constructed around 60 years ago when Country Club Shores was developed. The seawall design/construction at the time was inadequate to stand the test of time and somewhere around 1999 wooden 'pinpilings' were installed to stabilize the failing wall panels without a permit which was a common

Mr. Allen Parsons, Director June 28, 2024 Page 2

practice all over Country Club Shores, according to the contractor. In this case the contractor for the new seawall was aware of the pinpilings and assumed they would remove them once construction began as they have been able to do in other instances. However, when they mobilized, they found the existing wall panels to be in such defective condition they had the Engineer evaluate the installation and he determined that the pinpilings could not be removed as they were integral to the existing seawall system, structurally, and if removed, the wall would completely fail, and the upland yard and pool would slide into the canal. Therefore, the contractor submitted revised plans and a letter of explanation, with the Engineer's certification, to your Department showing the pinpilings remaining and the new wall installation not to exceed 12" from them (See attached Exhibits). (Note; The dimensions of the pinpilings was not shown because they varied between 8" and 10" and meandered along the length of the existing wall rendering a consistent measurement impossible. Additionally, the pinpilings were not evenly spaced and therefore could not be located within the corrugated configuration of the new wall form.)

The revised permit drawings were <u>approved</u> by Building on April 12, 2024, and by Zoning on April 19, 2024. Notwithstanding the general note on the permit of the Zoning Code Section 151 B.3.a. cited above, the wall section provided with the May 9 letter clearly shows the "neighbor's sea wall panel", the Halliday failed wall, the pinpilings and the maximum 12" for the new wall, as do the actual revised stamped, approved permit drawings Thereafter, construction continued in good faith and in reliance until a complaint was filed and your Department issued a stop-work order. The project sits at 90% complete with only the seawall cap to be poured and landscaping to be installed. See attached photographs of the current condition. Also see the plan view drawing dated revised 6/17/24 showing the 32" dimension of the wall and cap extending onto the Leone property. Again, notwithstanding there is a condition noted on the permit requiring compliance with Section 153.B.3.a., the contractor assumed that the construction pursuant to the approved permit was in all ways compliant. He had no reason to believe otherwise.

This existing installation system is not isolated, is common throughout the Longboat canals and should be considered as the "existing wall" (Wall panel + pinpiling) when applying Section 151.B.3.a. To be honest, it is also in the public interest since, if old walls were to fail, not only would there be significant impacts on adjacent property owners, but also establish a precedent for variances having to be filed, administrative/delay costs, Town enforcement, potential litigation, etc. Furthermore, we have documented numerous instances on Longboat of new seawall construction which exceeds the 12" threshold yet which were permitted, presumably (one of them is currently under construction). I have suggested the Town consider simply determining the existing installation, including the pinpilings, defines the "existing wall" from which the 12' dimension is to be measured.

You have indicated you have the administrative authority to grant a departure pursuant to the following: 151.03 - Permit required; application.

(E) Any request for a departure from the requirements of this Code, or any dispute as to structural integrity of any structure proposed under this Code, shall be resolved by the town manager or designee. Any expertise necessary to assist the town manager or designee in

Mr. Allen Parsons, Director June 28, 2024 Page 3

making that decision shall be at the applicant's expense. In making the determination as to whether to grant a departure, the town manager or designee must determine that the proposed design meets the intent of this chapter

So, the contractor issued revised plans effectively requesting the Town for a 'departure' from the code and was, effectively, granted the 'departure' (The Building Department is a designee of the Town Manager) by stamping the revised plans approved on April 12, and 19, 2024. If you and Patti are not authorized to grant such approval, how was the contractor to know that? Although not technically a request for departure, the submittal of the revised plans effectively amounted to departure request from the cited Code section. Upon resubmittal your staff, evidently, asked some clarifying questions of the contractor, granted the approval and construction continued until the stop-work order was issued.

If the Town had denied the revised plans to install the new wall in front of the existing pin piles before construction began, a request for a departure or variance would have been applied for at that time. Approval of the revised plans indicated a variance was not required or that a 'departure' had been granted administratively. Evidently, the Town changed its position, or has recognized they improperly approved the plans placing an undue burden on the property owners, now necessitating this request. We recognize an after-the-fact permit application is required for 592 Ranger Lane and that will be forthcoming. Additionally, please apply the prior Variance Application filing fees to the costs associated with this request.

Allen, I believe the foregoing and materials included provide you with the information required to process this request. Also attached is the filing fee of \$1,000.00. If upon receipt you require anything additional, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely

Bruce F. Franklin, President

Land Resource Strategies, LLC

cc: Morgan Bentley, Esq.



## PERMIT

PB23-0253

PERMIT TYPE:
BUILDING DOCK/SEAWA
LL/LIFT

ISSUED: 04/20/2023

ADDRESS: 582 RANGER LN

USE: RESIDENTIAL

WORK DESCRIPTION: INSTALL NEW SEAWALL

OWNER: HALLIDAY ROBERT

CONTRACTOR: Florida Shoreline & Foundation Experts LLC

**CONTRACTOR PHONE:** (941) 927 1410

LICENSE: CBC1260841

STIPULATIONS: Seawall construction height shall not exceed a maximum height of 4.5-foot elevation

(NAVD 1988) inclusive of the seawall cap.

Construction, inclusive of a buttress and seawall cap, shall not protrude more than 12 inches seaward of the existing seawall or seawall cap. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there are two existing seawalls abutting the subject replacement seawall of differing seaward projections, then the subject replacement seawall shall be further limited to a seaward projection distance of no more than either equal to the immediately abutting seawall with the least projection or a total seaward projection of 12 inches, whichever is less.

Note: Contractors/owners please contact your community asssociation prior to start of any work.

### IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PERMIT HOLDERS OF EACH PHASE OF WORK TO PROCURE INSPECTIONS AS REQUESTED AND TO VERIFY APPROVALS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO NEXT PHASE.

#### INSPECTIONS:

	Ruilding - De	ck/Seawall/Lift Incr	actions (PFD	MITPEOUPEN	
Building - Dock/Seawall/Lift Inspections (PERMIT REQUIRED)  Permit Number:					
TYPE	STATUS	INSPECTOR	DATE	COMMENTS	
Tieback Anchor/Deadman					
NPDES					
Cap Steel					
Final Building					
Other					

NOTICE (Fla. Statute 553.79(10): In addition to the requirements of this permit, there may be additional restrictions applicable to this property that may be found in the public records of the county, and there may be additional permits required from this or other governmental entities such as water management districts, state or federal agencies.

PERMITS FOR DEMOLITIONS OR RENOVATIONS OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE: This is notification of the owners or owner's representative's responsibility to comply with provisions of s. 469.003 Florida Statutes printed below, regarding Asbestos Abatement and to notify the Department of Environmental Protection of your intentions to remove asbestos, when applicable, in accordance with the state and federal law.

F.S. 469, Asbestos Abatement. 469.003 License Required

- (1) No person may conduct an asbestos survey, develope an operation ans maintenanceplan, or monitor and evaluate asbestos abatement unless trained and licensed as an asbestos consultant as required by this chapter.
- (2) No person may prepare asbestos abatement specifications unless trained and licensed as an asbestos consultant as required by this chapter.
- (3) No person may contact the department under this chapter as an asbestos contractor, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

WARNING TO OWNER: YOUR FAILURE TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MAY RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.

#### 130.02(C) Unreasonable Sound Prohibited

(2)(f) Construction and demolition. Engaging in construction or demolition on Sunday, on any holiday, or between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday except for emergency work by a public service utility or by other permit approved by the town. This sub section shall not apply to the use of domestic power tools as specified in subsection (i) of this section.

#### PARKING INFORMATION

For properties along Gulf of Mexico Drive:

Parking along the entire length of Gulf of Mexico Drive is prohibited. Vehicles that are parked along either side of Gulf of Mexico Drive are subject to a \$75 parking citation.

For properties in the Village:

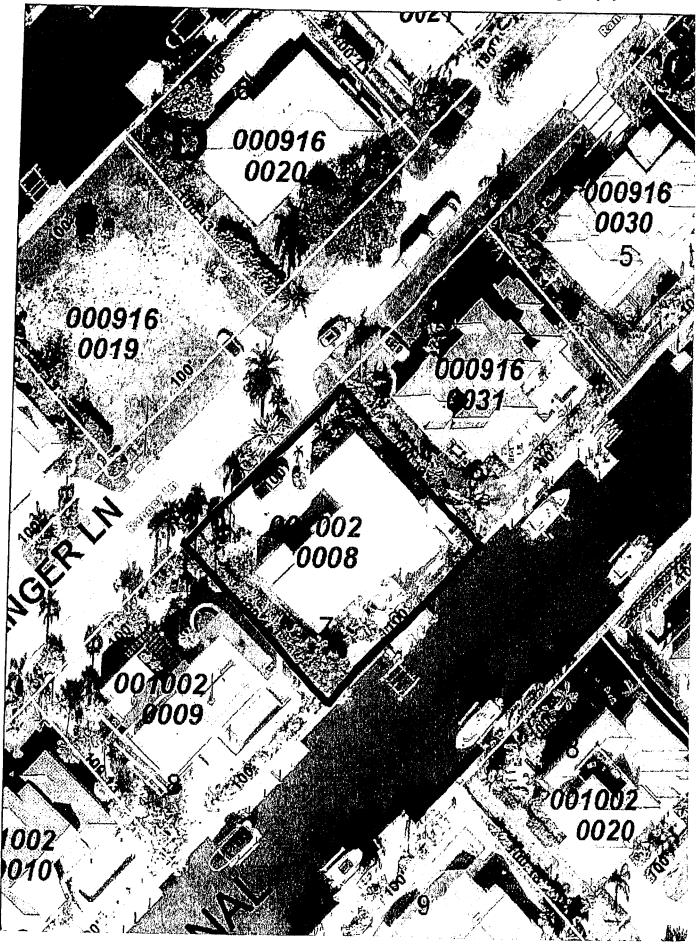
Service Vehicles (a "vehicle with a business sign or logo owned and operated by a person, firm or corporation actively engaged in a service or business activity at the home of Resident within the Resident-Only Parking Permit area") can park on Village streets that allow Resident-Only Parking. Service vehicles are encouraged to use Resident-Only spaces rather than parking in the limited publicly available parking spaces.

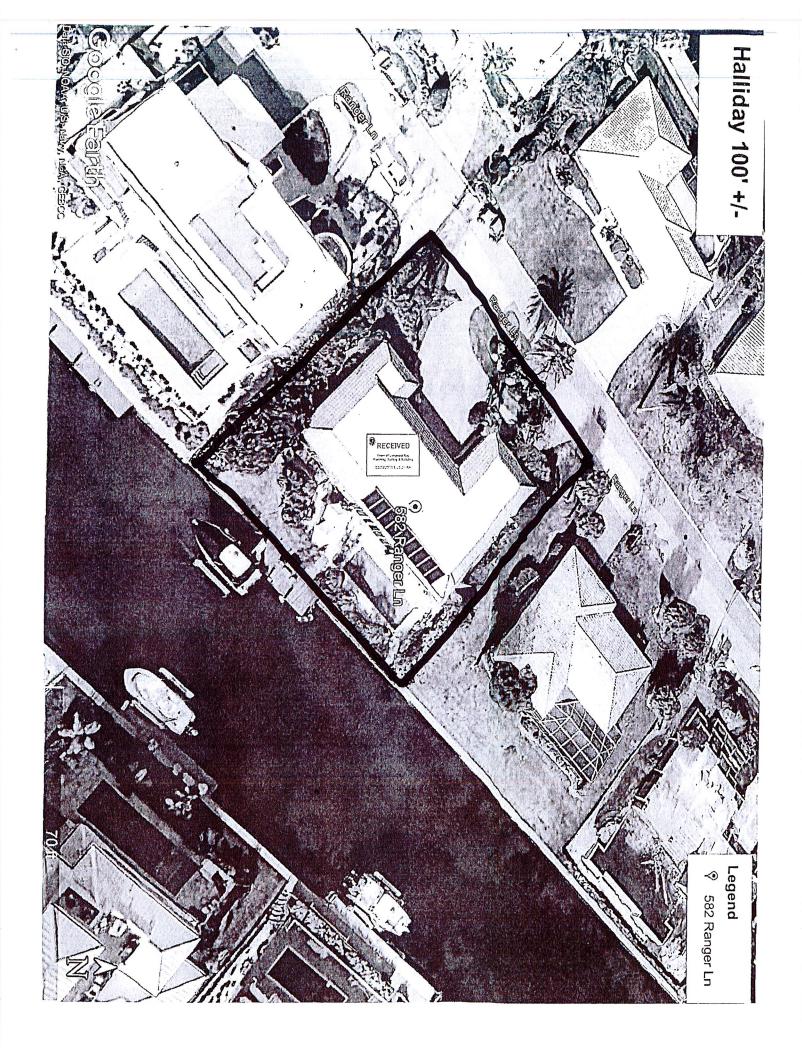
PERMIT MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION VIEWABLE FROM ROAD.
INSPECTION REQUESTS REQUIRED AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.
REQUESTS: 941-316-1966

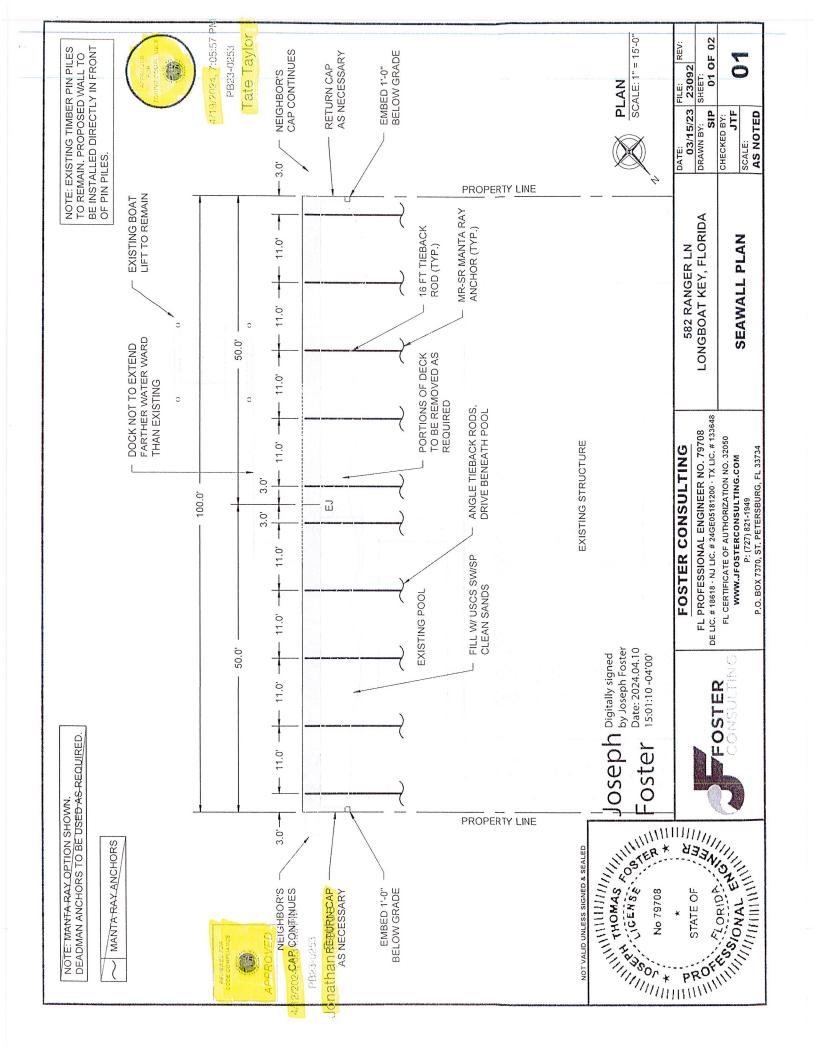
Town of Longboat Key - Planning, Zoning & Building - 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, F1.34228 - 941-316-1966 F: 941-316-1970

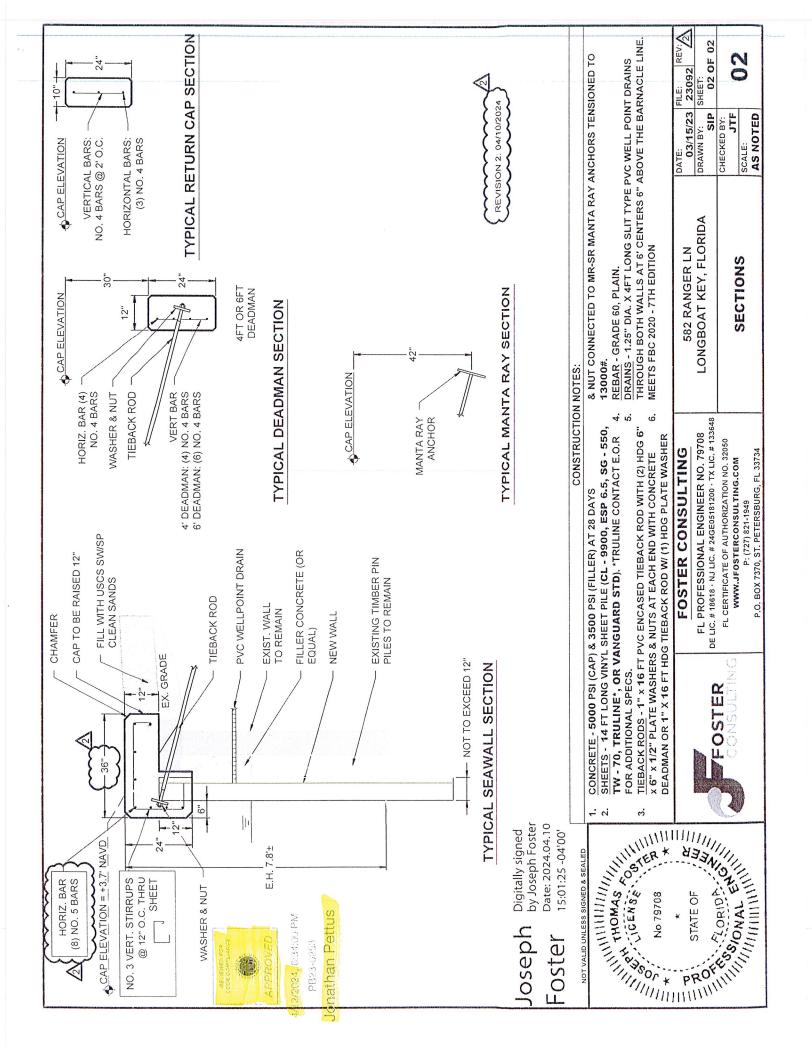


# Sarasota County Property Appraise











May 9, 2024

Mr Tate Taylor Town of Longboat Key

Re: 582 Ranger Lane, Permit #PB23-0253

Dear Mr. Taylor

As discussed, please accept this letter as a follow up to our discussion regarding the construction of the new seawall at 582 Ranger Lane, and an explanation of what existed before we began work and what the end result will be.

The seawall at 582 Ranger Lane is an original concrete seawall which was constructed approximately 60+ years ago. Some time after the initial construction, wood "pinpilings" were installed in front of the existing wall. These pinpiles were installed in front of seawalls which were experiencing rotation of the panels due to not enough panel embedment into the canal (a common problem in Country Club Shores). Many of these pin piles were installed before I started in the marine construction industry in 1999 so I estimate the pilings at 582 Ranger Lane were installed pre-1999. The pinpiles became an integral part of the seawalls. Without the pinpiles many seawalls in Country Club Shores, including this one, would have failed long ago. To prevent the need for pinpilings, new sheet panel seawalls are constructed with 40% or more of the panel length embedded into the canal bottom.

When we applied for the permit to build the new wall at 582 Ranger Lane the initial plan was to remove the pinpiles and install the new sheet panels immediately infront of the existing wall. Upon mobilization to the site and further inspection of the wall it was discovered just how bad of condition the wall was in. The concrete panels were cracked and broken. The only thing keeping the wall in place and vertical was the pinpiles. Removal of the pinpiles would most certainly result in immediate failure of the seawall, and due to the close proximity of the pool, the pool would suffer significant damage as well. Foster Consulting prepared a letter summarizing the issues, followed by engineered plans showing the pinpiles to remain and the new panels to be no more than 12" waterward of these piles.



The new seawall at 582 Ranger Lane will not have any negative affect to the neighbors nor to navigation, and I believe meets the plans submitted. Without theapproval of the pinpiles staying in place, it would have resulted in significant and unnecessary damage to this property and most probably the adjoining properties as well. Attached is a sketch showing in more detail the dimensions of the wall in relation to the neighboring wall to the east.

I hope this helps clarify what is being built and why it is being built the way it is. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Liebel

Florida Shoreline and Foundation



2963 1st Avenue S • St. Petersburg, FL 33712 • 727-821-1949

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Florida Shoreline & Foundation 4561 Clark Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

Re: Seawall replacement at 582 Ranger Ln. Longboat Key, FL 34228

To Whom It May Concern,

The seawall at the subject property is in severe condition and is in need of replacement. The concrete panels have buckled near the mudline and are kicking out waterward. Timber pin piles were installed at some time in the past in an effort to stabilize the wall. Removal of the pin piles may allow the wall to fail completely, allowing the upland sediment to displace into the water. decreasing water quality in the canal. Furthermore, a failure of the wall, or removal of the failed concrete slabs, would put the upland structures, including the pool, at severe risk of damage and movement. For these reasons, it is recommended to install the new vinyl seawall panels waterward of the timber pin piles to prevent a wall failure and preserve the upland.

If there are any questions, please call. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

Foster Consulting

Joseph T Foster

Joseph T. Foster, P.E. FL Lic No. 79708

NJ Lic No. 24GE05181200

DE Lic No. 18618

nk you for THOMAS No 79

Digitally signed  $Joseph_{\mathsf{Foster}}^{\mathsf{by\ Joseph}}$ Foster 2024.02.02 09:39:05 -05'00'

27 %" from face of neighbor's seawall Prepared By: Florida Shoreline and Foundation to the face of the new seawall side of new seawall 12" maximum from waterward edge of pin pile to waterward 941-927-1410 www.shorelineandfoundation.com 4561 Clark Rd., Sarasota, FL 34233 Canal bottom CBC 1260841 8' +/-New Vinyl Sheet Panel 36" Neighbor seawall panels 8" - 10" wood pin pile 10'-0" Scale: 3/8" = 1' Date: May 9, 2024 582 Ranger Lane Pool Shell

Rich and Marsha Kolb 572 Ranger Ln Longboat Key, FL 34228

June 3, 2024

Bobby and Jacqueline Halliday 582 Ranger Lane Longboat Key, FL 34228

Dear Bobby and Jacqueline,

We have been following the construction of your new seawall very closely since it began. We have done so visually as well as through the Town's permitting website (reviewing submitted documents). We have also had conversations with your contractor to ensure that the work being done will only impact the stability of our seawall positively. We are confident that the work being done is of a high quality and will protect you and your neighbors as intended. We hope that the seawall can be completed as soon as possible.

We are very upset that the town has halted construction. With hurricane season approaching we feel much less secure with an unfinished wall. Requiring removal of your wall would further risk the stability of our wall as well as your other neighbor's wall and is unacceptable.

It is also strange that documents that we had previously viewed, which approved placement of the wall, are no longer visible on the website.

We have also heard that the HOA has indicated that you need approval to complete the seawall. We know of at least 3 seawalls on Ranger Ln. that proceeded without HOA approval and that the HOA specifically was not reviewing plans for seawalls in the past. We hope that the HOA is not selectively enforcing its rules and regulations in this situation.

We are happy to assist you in any way to expedite the completion of this seawall.

Very truly yours,

Rich and Marsha Kolb

Cc: Bruce Franklin

Bobby and Jacqueline Halliday 582 Ranger Lane Longboat Key, FL 34228

Dear Bobby and Jacqueline,

We have been watching the construction progress of your new seawall diagonally across the canal from us, and were surprised and perplexed to learn that the project had been stopped when it is essentially completed except for pouring the concrete cap. Our understanding is that the project, after an initial redesign to address the problem with the exiting pinpiles, had been submitted, approved, and permitted by the Town of Longboat Key and was being built to current code requirements.

As we look along our canal's seawalls, no two walls are the same because they were rebuilt at different times by different contractors and perhaps slightly different building codes. There are differences in the width and height of the seawalls and their vertical members and caps. One of the seawalls abutting our property, installed just last year, is 8-9 inches higher than ours or our neighbors on our other side. The structural integrity of all seawalls along the canal are important to every property owner, and the fact that yours is being constructed fully to code requirements satisfies any of our concerns. Your seawall looks just fine from our perspective across the canal.

In short, we support the completion of your seawall project without reservation and hope it can be finished without further delay.

Sincerely,

Rodney A. Erickson

Sharon L. Erickson 573 Halyard Lane

Longboat Key FL 34228

Cc: Bruce Franklin

Michael and Karen Leone 592 Ranger Lane Longboat Key, FL 34228

June 2, 2024

Bobby and Jacqueline Halliday 582 Ranger Lane Longboat Key, FL 34228

Dear Bobby and Jacqueline,

As per your request, we are writing in support of your seawall construction at 582 Ranger Lane, Lot 7, Block C, Country Club Shores. Our understanding is that the seawall construction completed by Florida Shoreline and Foundation was built 28" seaward of the existing seawall (with code and permits allowing for 12" seaward extension). As we both know and have agreed, we have a particular interest in the seawall being built to code and/or being approved with a variance by the Town of Longboat Key since 32" of this seawall crosses onto our property (592 Ranger Lane, Lot 6, Block C, Country Club Shores).

Again, we have no objection to the seawall construction that has been completed on your property. We also understood that the seawall construction would extend onto our property by 32" and be built to code. As you seek a variance for the seawall construction that has been completed, we want to be sure that if/when approved, this variance covers the entirety of the wall which spans both of our properties (Lot 7 & Lot 6, Block C, Country Club Shores).

As a property owner on Longboat Key, Karen and I want to be sure that any construction on our property is done to code, and therefore creating no future negative impact for our property.

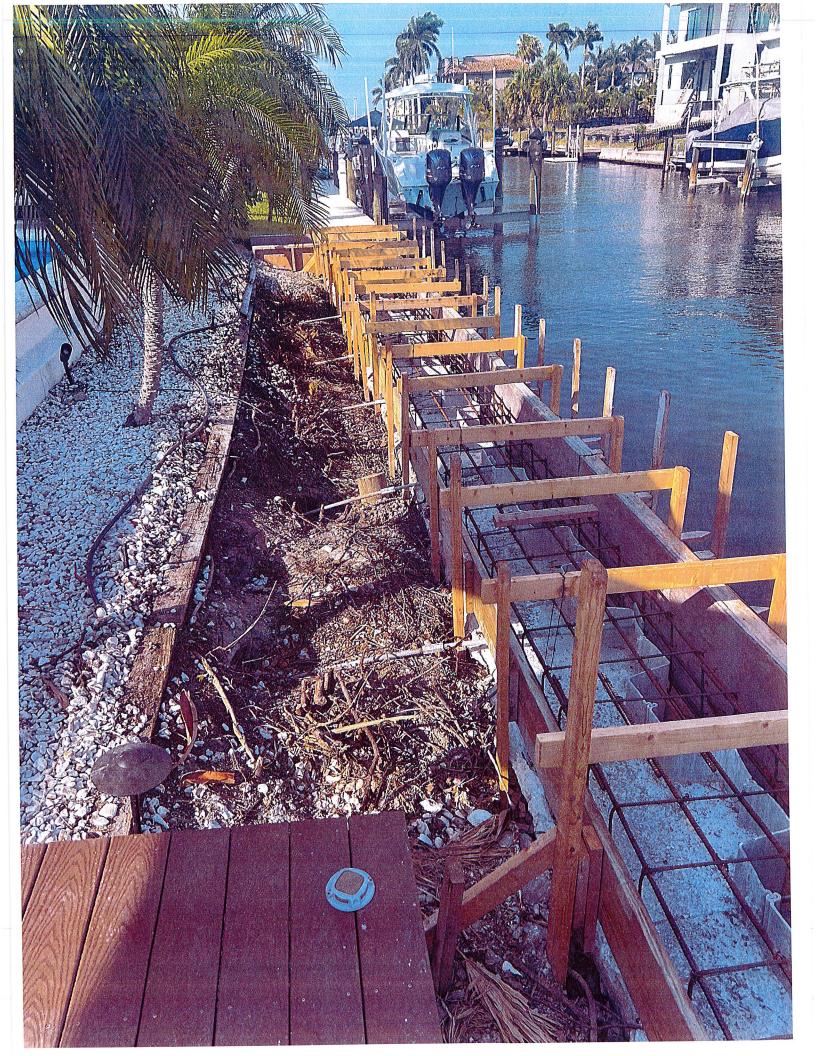
We sincerely hope that you can get this accomplished so that your seawall construction can be completed.

Sincerely,

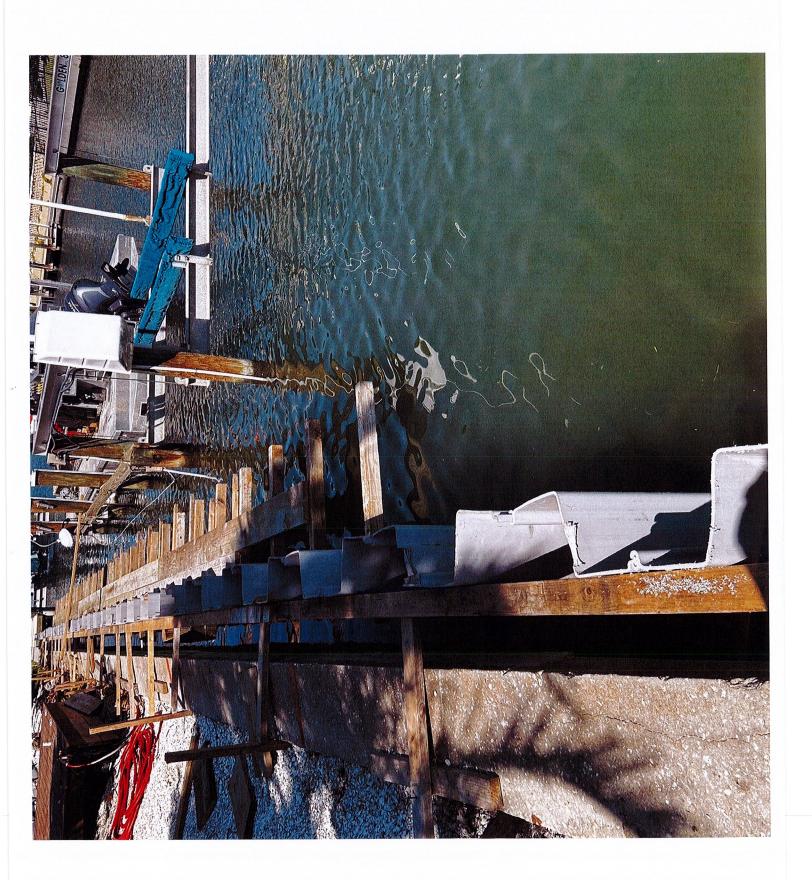
Michael and Karen Leone

Please note, here is historical information regarding why 32" of your seawall construction falls on our property.

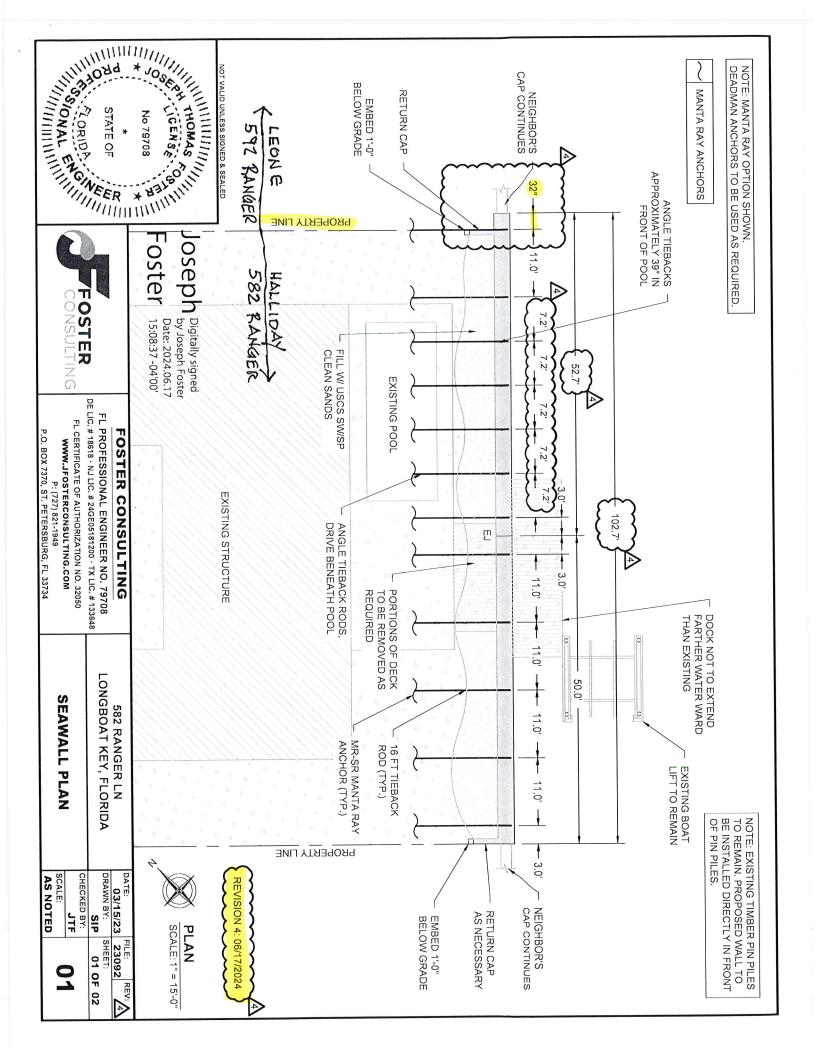
As we understand (we did not own the property at the time), several years ago when the contractor replaced the seawall at 592 Ranger Lane, Lot 6, Block C, Country Club Shores, they were forced to stop short of the property line so as not to jeopardize the integrity of your adjacent failing seawall.











my does the new much bothow.

#### **Bruce franklin**

From:

Bobby Halliday <bobby@bobbyhalliday.co.uk>

Sent:

Monday, June 3, 2024 8:39 PM

To:

Bruce franklin

Subject: Attachments: FW: Your seawall Halliday Plans.pdf

Bruce, this is quite interesting......the plan is stamped approved by tate taylor.....shows the pin piles and the dimension of 12' from those pinpiles.

bobby

From: Jay Johnson < jay@shorelineandfoundation.com > \_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: Sunday, 12 May 2024 at 12:37

To: Bobby Halliday <bobby@bobbyhalliday.co.uk>, Scott Liebel <scott@shorelineandfoundation.com>

Subject: RE: Your seawall

Good afternoon, Bobby!

I struggled with whether to share this email with the entire chain below, or not. Obviously, this is my decision, and if you decide to share some of it with the community, that is entirely up to you. I'm not sure why everyone in your community is so persistent that the wall isn't constructed according to the plans submitted to the town of LBK, and approved by the town of LBK. What was brought to my attention when I was at your property late Friday afternoon getting measurements per Tate's, request was in reference to the 12" measurement "not to exceed".

It took me multiple times to finally get your neighbors on the east side of you to understand, and see that they were reading the plans wrong. They were insisting that the 12" measurement was in reference to your existing failed concrete wall. After multiple times of telling them they were looking at the plans wrong, and that the measurement in question was from the waterward face of the exiting timber pin piles, not the existing failed concrete seawall panel. Before I left, they fully understood that they had been looking at the plans wrong this entire time. I assume this is the same case with Lynn, and the Board members associated with your community.

The wall is being built per the plans approved by the town of LBK. Even though your wall is going to project out further than both your neighbors, it isn't going to affect the width of the navigable channel that is there now. Your lift is remaining in the same location, and your new dock when reinstalled will be 2' plus narrower than the existing dock you had.

My plan is to have guys on sight Monday morning to move the return on the east side over approximately 32". The new cap will still meet up with your neighbors. I explained this to them Friday afternoon, and they were good with that plan. I assured them that we would fill the hole back in, and supply whatever sod is needed. There are still some loose ends that need to be tightened up Monday, and part of Tuesday before the new wall will be ready for the new concrete cap. Are you okay with me proceeding forward with my plan while we continue working with Tate?

Regards,