

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: September 11, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Josh Martin, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building

Re: 145 Seaspray Avenue – Opposition to being included in “Sea” Streets Historic District

Date: September 4, 2019

STAFF REQUEST & RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the Town Council hear the request from the contract purchaser of 145 Seaspray Avenue and/or their representative regarding their opposition to 145 Seaspray Avenue being included in the “Sea” Streets Historic District.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At their August 21, 2019, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) placed all of the properties that face Seabreeze Avenue, Seaspray Avenue and Seaview Avenue, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean (collectively known as the “Sea” Streets), under consideration as a historic district. One of the properties that is within the historic district now under consideration (145 Seaspray Avenue) was reviewed as an individual property for landmark designation earlier this year; however, the property was not designated as a Town of Palm Beach landmark (see attached Town Council meeting minutes).

The contract purchaser’s attorney sent a letter via e-mail (see attached) to the Town on the afternoon of Friday, August 30, 2019 while staff was busy with storm preparations in anticipation of Hurricane Dorian. In the letter, the attorney voiced opposition to 145 Seaspray Avenue being considered as part of the “Sea” Streets Historic District. The contract purchaser’s attorney has requested to be heard at the September 11, 2019 Town Council meeting, and is also requesting a “formal, binding confirmation by Town Council that 145 Seaspray may never be considered again for landmark designation.” While the attorney’s request was submitted rather late in terms of including it on the September 11th agenda, staff nonetheless believes it to be in the best interest of all those involved that this matter be addressed as soon as possible.

cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
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