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Dear Chair and Administration Committee members,

I had meant to get this to you weeks ago, but life here in Gales Ferry has had much going on recently. I have watched the Administrative Committee in action regarding formation of a Code of Ethics and an Ethics Committee. After reviewing again the meetings of Sept. 11th and Nov. 12th, I want to thank those who are putting in the work to get this important task accomplished. I feel Chairperson Garcia-Irizarry and Councilors Brunelle and Buhle expressed a very good understanding of how an Ethics Committee can be helpful on many levels. Unfortunately, I was extremely disappointed to observe that the full Administrative Committee is not on board with having an informative discussion on the topic and, in fact, Councilor Dombrowski stated at the outset (several times - Sept.) he would vote against it, if pursued. He confirmed the same at the subsequent Nov. meeting. As a resident, I would like to see all of our elected officials participate in the process, regardless of personal feelings. I commend and encourage those willing to work, to push forward, and I look forward to reading the final draft proposal. This is something that has been requested several times over previous years and is an important step in guidance and transparency for both residents and those who serve our Town in any capacity.

Thank you for your efforts,

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