

September 27, 2023

By email ([bettyc369@msn.com](mailto:bettyc369@msn.com))

RE: Article 9G of the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Dear Ms. Cavacco:

As you know, Article 9G of the Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant, submitted by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), seeks an appropriation of the sum of \$157,500 for the demolition of buildings at Hedges Pond Recreational and Preserve, and that at its meeting on September 21, 2023 the CPC voted to exclude the "Great Hall" from the Motion it will make at Town Meeting.

The Herring Ponds Watershed Association, Ltd (Association) has shared with me its letters to you of September 19, 2023 and September 20, 2023 regarding the Association's donation on November 29, 2017 of \$5,000 to the Plymouth Youth Foundation Corporation (Foundation) for the renovation of the Great Hall. I have reviewed these letters, together with the supporting documentation attached to them.

I am now attaching a copy of the Foundation's Form 990-EZP for Fiscal Year 2018 (which, according to the Foundation's Form PC, began on July 1, 2017 and ended on June 30, 2018) submitted by you and filed with the Attorney General, which, on Page 2, Part II, Line 27 states as follows:

Net assets or fund balances at the beginning of fiscal year 2018: \$22, 293

Net assets or fund balances at the end of fiscal year 2018: \$24,555

This indicates that the Association's \$5,000 contribution, which was deposited by the Foundation on November 30, 2017, must have been spent in whole or in part after November 30, 2017 and on or before June 30, 2018.

In Part III, line 28, you state as follows:

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| Supporting Youth Related Programs and Assistance<br>with Maintenance and Improvement of the Manomet<br>Youth Center And Other such Youth Related Activities<br>for the Town of Plymouth: | \$105,592 |
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Please furnish copies of the Foundation's monthly statements from Rockland Trust Company for the months of December, 2017 through June, 2018, as well as copies of the checks for

disbursements, so that Town Meeting can determine what was done with the Association's \$5,000 donation.

Very truly yours,

*Richard M. Serkey*

Richard M. Serkey

Town Meeting Member, Precinct 2

September 20, 2023

By email ([bettyc369@msn.com](mailto:bettyc369@msn.com))

Dear Ms. Cavacco:

I am writing to respond to your email of September 20, which I thank you for.

In response to your claim that “at no time prior to your current correspondence was I made aware there was any potential question regarding the donation”, I am attaching a copy of our email exchange of May 13, 2022.

In response to your claim that our donation “was timely and appropriately deposited into the PYFC bank account at Rockland Trust”, I am attaching a copy of the Foundation’s Form PC for Fiscal Year 2018, signed by you and filed with the Attorney General, which, on Page 2, Section 5 (A), reports no “contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received”.

Finally, please provide a copy of the Foundation’s monthly statement for November, 2017, so that I can confirm that Account No.1316510759 (the Account named on your deposit slip) is indeed the Account No. of the Foundation.

Very truly yours,

Donald R. Williams ([Donald\\_r\\_williams2003@yahoo.com](mailto:Donald_r_williams2003@yahoo.com))

President

The Herring Ponds Watershed Association, Ltd



Richard Serkey &lt;richardserkey@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fw: 5,000 donation**

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**Don Williams** <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>  
To: Richard Serkey <richardserkey@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 3:24 PM

Her assertion is wrong; we have proof of that. What is going on here do you think? I'll wait for your response to these two emails before I send them to the Board of Directors.

Don

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Betty Cavacco <bettyc369@msn.com>  
**To:** Don Williams <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** Mathew Muratore <matmuratore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 02:15:26 PM EDT  
**Subject:** 5,000 donation

Mr. Williams:

I am in receipt of your correspondence on behalf of the Herring Ponds Watershed Association Ltd. ("HPWA"). Be advised that at no time prior to your current correspondence was I made aware there was any potential question regarding this donation. However, as your correspondence does not identify the dates of any prior request, provide the names of any persons making requests, or contain copies of any written communications, there is no way for me to address your unfounded accusations. What I can say is that the threats made in your current correspondence are neither appropriate nor necessary.

I was, indeed, the former president of the Plymouth Youth Foundation Corporation (the Foundation"), and did receive a \$5,000 donation to the Foundation from HPWA. That donation was timely and appropriately deposited into the PYFC bank account at Rockland Trust, evidence of which is attached. The monies were then used solely for the charitable purposes of the Foundation.

I trust this answers your questions and resolves this issue.

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**Richard Serkey** <richardserkey@gmail.com>  
To: Don Williams <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 3:56 PM

Please forward to her now all emails sent to her about the status of the \$5,000. I will get back to you about the deposit slip.

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Richard Serkey** <richardserkey@gmail.com>  
To: Don Williams <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 19, 2023 at 4:07 PM

When you send her copies of the prior correspondence today, please also ask her for a copy of the Foundation's monthly statement for August, 2017 from Rockland.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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### Fw: \$5000 Donation Inbox x

**Don Williams**  
to me

3:23 PM (30 minutes ago)

Richard,

What do you make of this? A crossed-out deposit number? Another forward from Betty to follow.....

Don

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Betty Cavacco <bettyc369@msn.com>  
**To:** Don Williams <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** Mathew Muratore <maturatore@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 01:59:37 PM EDT  
**Subject:** Re: \$5000 Donation

Mr. Williams,

I have never been presented with a request for the Deposit , its attached here. Please share with the rest of your board m

Regards,

Betty

September 19, 2023

By email ([bettyc369@msn.com](mailto:bettyc369@msn.com)) and by certified mail (23 Diamond Street, Plymouth, MA 02360)

Dear Ms. Cavacco:

I am the President of The Herring Ponds Watershed Association, Ltd (“Herring Pond”). As you are aware, on November 29, 2017, Herring Pond donated to Plymouth Youth Foundation Corporation (“Foundation”) the sum of \$5,000 toward the renovation of the Great Hall at Hedges Pond. The donation was made by means of a check drawn on Citizens Bank and made payable to the Foundation. Copies of both sides of the check are attached. The reverse side of the check indicates that it was endorsed by you. At that time, you were the President of the Foundation, but you endorsed the check individually. Also attached is a copy of the Association’s bank statement for the month of November, 2017. It shows that Herring Pond’s bank account at Citizens Bank was debited the very next day (November 30, 2017) in the amount of \$5,000.

Herring Pond has made repeated requests to you for proof that its donation was in fact deposited into the Foundation’s account at Rockland Trust Company, but to date you have not provided such proof to Herring Pond.

At a Board meeting of Herring Pond held on September 18, 2023, the Board voted to authorize me to advise you today, September 19, 2023 that if I do not receive such proof in or within seven days from now, the Board will thereafter regretfully consider filing at the Plymouth District Court an application for the issuance of a criminal complaint against you for larceny.

Very truly yours,

Donald R. Williams ([Donald\\_r\\_williams2003@yahoo.com](mailto:Donald_r_williams2003@yahoo.com))

President

The Herring Ponds Watershed Association, Ltd



Richard Serkey &lt;richardserkey@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fw: [Town of Plymouth MA] 2017 Donation Status (Sent by Don Williams, donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com)**

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**Don Williams** <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>  
To: Richard Serkey <richardserkey@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 9:21 PM

Here's what Mr Quintal sent me after he got a letter from me, which I will also send to you.

Don

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Richard Quintal <dickquintal@comcast.net>

**To:** "donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com" <donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>

**Cc:** rquintal <quintal@plymouth-ma.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 07:41:58 PM EST

**Subject:** Re: [Town of Plymouth MA] 2017 Donation Status (Sent by Don Williams, donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com)

Mr Williams

I know nothing about ur money your organization and the merge of any non profit if you have any questions I suggest you contact me and I also ask you send a corrected letter to the town immediately ,clearing me my family name immediately , and if not I will turn this over to my attorney ,

Sincerely

Richard J Quintal Jr

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2022, at 6:49 PM, Contact form at Town of Plymouth MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com> wrote:

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Hello rquintal,

Don Williams (donald\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/user/14666/contact>) at Town of Plymouth MA.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/user/14666/edit>.

Message:

I am President of the Herring Ponds Watershed Association. Back in 2017, our association was approached to donate money for the purpose of renovating the clubhouse at the Hedges Pond facility, then recently purchased by the Town of Plymouth. We were instructed to make the check out to the Plymouth Youth Foundation headed by Betty Cavacco at the time. We donated \$5000, a large amount for our organization and a big to-do was made at the presentation -- oversized check and all. We were hoping that our organization and other organizations like ours might be able to use the facility as a meeting space. I understand that the Plymouth Youth Foundation has since merged with a non-profit that's part of the Quintal family.

Mr. Quintal. Our Board of Directors would like to see that this money is still available for the original intended purpose (restoration of the Hedges Pond Clubhouse) and some proof that it is still there.



Richard Serkey &lt;richardserkey@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fw: November 29, 2017 Check**

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**Don Williams** <dona1d\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>  
To: Richard Serkey <richardserkey@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 9:19 PM

Here's the first one that I found.

Don

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Betty Cavacco <bettyc369@msn.com>  
**To:** Don Williams <dona1d\_r\_williams2003@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** Bill Keohan <billkeohan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 at 11:11:43 AM EDT  
**Subject:** RE: November 29, 2017 Check

Don.

There is no reason for concern, We had accepted the check with the intention of dedicating the money to the great hall renovation project at hedges pond when the CPC makes the recommendation to town meeting. As you know they have not made any recommendations yet but when they do and it passes town meeting, the PYF will be there with the 5k to help with those repairs. We have already secured an electrician.

Sent from Mail for Windows

**From:** Don Williams  
**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2022 10:58 AM  
**To:** Betty Cavacco  
**Subject:** November 29, 2017 Check

Betty,

I am president of the Herring Ponds Watershed Association. An internal audit showed that we had cut a check for the Plymouth Youth Foundation on November 29, 2017 for \$5000 that was cashed (signature endorsement) by you.

We had intended the check to help with the Hedges Pond Park building repairs. We have heard nothing back from the Plymouth Youth Foundation about how this money was used. Could you please provide receipts, etc. to settle this issue. We never heard anything back from the Plymouth Youth Foundation and are concerned.

Sincerely,

Don Williams

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