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MEMORANDUM

TO: ORANGETOWN COMMUNITY
FROM: THE TOWN BOARD
SUBJECT: ALUF UPDATE
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2017

We continue to receive complaints about odors coming from Aluf and the vicinity; we ask that residents continue to let us know about odors indicating the time, location and wind direction if possible.

We spoke with DEC again yesterday morning about where we stand and next steps, particularly about issuing violations. As you can imagine, we all want violations to meet the standards for prosecution, not be dismissed in court. We have discussed with our lawyers how to meet those standards, and the consensus is that a violation issued based on a clear unit of measurement (i.e. an olfactometer) backed by expert testimony will meet the standards. We have, therefore, asked TRC Consulting to provide us with a proposal for these services to be considered at Tuesday's Regular Town Board Meeting.

We are investigating the cost of purchase and training of Town staff in the use of other odor detection devices.

DEC will assign an inspector to respond to complaints about odor in the area of Aluf for the next several days; DEC has issued notices of violation to Avery Dennison and will pursue appropriate enforcement.

Jane Slavin has requested that Kolipara Engineering conduct a site inspection to provide a certification letter to confirm the new equipment has been installed per the plans and specifications submitted and approved by the ZBA and DEC and to confirm that it is operating properly; we are awaiting word as to when this inspection will be authorized by Aluf. Aluf has indicated it has repaired/remedied several of the items brought to their attention subsequent to the installation of the new equipment; work continues on the remaining open items.