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To all parties to a possible conveyance of real estate

Upon request, the building department will provide a copy of a parcel history and general non-technical zoning and building code information to the general public per current department policy.

As the building commissioner, I would emphasize that department policy and Town Counsel agree that it is only appropriate that the building department provide the public record and perhaps reference in general terms the town zoning by-laws and the state building code.

The department is keenly aware of the need to be prudent in offering advice as this serves best to protect both the property owners' and the community's interests. It is the responsibility of the parties involved to seek professional advice such as a land use attorney, licensed builder and/or home inspector in order to protect their interests.

It is only in response to a completed building permit application or a written request to enforce an alleged building code or zoning violation that the building code, statute or town zoning requires the building official to render an opinion or determination.

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Building Commissioner**