Town Santa Clara Board Comments – Dave Powalyk USLA

As the Town Board may be aware the USLA and USF have participated in the process, attending all of the meetings and submitting written comments. Both of our organizations have viewed our involvement as a partnership with the Town in attempting to craft appropriate sustainable commercial marina regulations. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with the TSC to accomplish this goal.

As you know, the TSC Special Committee did not take our questions or comments during their open meetings and only allowed written responses after each discussion. We followed that process and submitted written responses to each meeting.

At last evenings Special Committee meeting, they continued to revise the draft regulations and have now submitted their draft to the Town Board. Our organizations did not get the opportunity to ask questions or comment to yesterday's final draft and therefore would like to briefly discuss a couple of our major concerns at this time:

- While other localities have revising their regulations to better enable and control commercial development as well as the spread of invasive species, Santa Clara is proposing a number of non-specific regulations for commercial marinas that do not accomplish the same.

- The regulations clearly define a process for an applicant to appeal the decision of the TSC Planning Board but does NOT define a process for organizations like USLA and USF or for that matter the public to appeal their decisions.

The USLA membership has continued to share their concerns with our Government Affairs Committee. And, we have relayed those concerns throughout the process to the Town's Special Committee.

We will continue to share our concerns with our 550 members and guide them to participate in the public comment sessions that will follow. We hope that our interactions enable the business, residential, and State owned

facilities to coexist within our Adirondack community and maintain the delicate balance necessary for all.

Thank you.