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October 30, 2014

Ms. Susan Parker
Town Administrator
Town of Sunset Beach
700 Sunset Boulevard North
Sunset Beach, NC 28468

SUBJ: Town of Sunset Beach – Town Park
W&R Status Report – Boardwalk Material

Dear Ms. Parker,

We are writing this letter to follow up to our previous conversations and correspondence on the subject project with respect to the boardwalk material.

On October 13, 2014 Jim Canfield and I visited the Town in order to meet with yourself and the mayor to discuss moving this project forward. During that meeting the mayor reiterated that the Town has no interest in Permatrak boardwalk and would like us to pursue Trex® decking for the boardwalk. As a clarification, the boardwalk superstructure (supporting piles, joists, beams, etc.) will be of treated timber construction while only the decking boards would be Trex® material. This is standard practice for Trex® decking.

During that meeting I explained the following with respect to cost of changing materials:

Contractors Original Bid Price for Permatrak Boardwalk:	\$235,000.00
Permatrak Material Cost from Manufacturer:	<u>(\$145,000.00)</u>
Balance Available for changing materials:	\$90,000.00
Balance Carried Forward (from above):	\$90,000.00
Estimated Cost of Trex Boardwalk (by independent contractor):	<u>(\$140,000.00)</u>
Expected Shortage for changing materials:	(\$50,000.00)

The numbers presented above are believed to be an accurate representation of costs but are not intended to be exact. ***The numbers have been rounded slightly for discussion purposes. In order to move forward with the project, the Town will need to negotiate a change order with its contractor to reflect the change in boardwalk material.*** A draft set of revised construction drawings is provided with this letter for your use in negotiating pricing for the Trex® option.

Additionally, during the meeting referenced above, Withers & Ravenel, committed to contribute a maximum of \$17,000.00 towards this shortage, as representation of our commitment to a successful project. In addition to this cash contribution, Withers & Ravenel has expended labor efforts to date amounting to \$21,355.00, with respect to meetings, design changes, and additional permitting as a

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result of the erosion control violations the Town received. We are not seeking additional reimbursement for these additional efforts.

At this time we have revised our design drawings to show the change in design and are preparing the CAMA major permit application for submittal. A draft of the CAMA site plan is attached to this letter, as well. We expect to make this submittal on Friday, October 31, 2014. If you require any additional information or clarification at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
WITHERS & RAVENEL INC.



Jeff Thompson, PE
Vice-President

Cc: Jim Canfield, President, Withers & Ravenel, Inc.

Enclosures: Draft of Revised Construction Drawings for Trex® Decking
Draft of Revised CAMA Site Plan