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**To:** [Mayor](#); [Liesl Barker](#)  
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Hello Mayor McLaughlin and Clerk Barker,

I am writing to encourage the Endowment Grant sub-committee reconsider fully funding the request made by the Lands Committee for the lease of the DeBoer lands. These lands are the last critical piece of our beachfront that if preserved would create a nearly continuous stretch of lands accessible to our residents, visitors and wild critters from the airport property to the east and to the GBNPS park boundary to the west! This piece of DeBoer's land, as you know, is Gustavus' crown jewel...right in the center of town where we work and play every day. We have been SO lucky over the years that the DeBoer's have kept this beautiful section of land intact AND allowed us to berry pick, stroll, picnic and generally recreate on. The fact that this piece is still intact is incredible and we can't expect that to remain the case in to the future. Fully funding this grant request will allow the Lands Committee and SEALT time to raise \$s to outright purchase or purchase a conservation easement on this land so it will not be subdivided or built on. I hope you will reconsider the request and award the remaining \$15,000 that is available to them.

Kathy Streveler

Sent from my iPhone