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REQUEST TO REZONE 2 & 4 DOANES WHARF. What part of 'no' Don't you understand?

Letter to Editor

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The Town of Kennebunk is fortunate to have a dedicated Planning Board which works diligently to safeguard the interests of residents and the town. This quality of excellence was in full view at the Board's March 22nd meeting when it reviewed Fred Forsely's BR2 Contract Zone request to rezone 2 & 4 Doanes Wharf.

The proposal asserts that its request to permit 50 parking spaces and eventually some years later, four condominiums would - "align with the look, feel and priorities of Kennebunk" and "ease congestion in the downtown area".

This review brought to mind Yogi Berra's comment, "It's like déjà vu all over again".

As an index of public opinion regarding this rezoning, it is instructive to note that Lower Village residents not only remember history, but have been an important part of that recent history.

Many residents remember when the 80 room Doanes Wharf hotel proposal was rapidly shot down after 15 residents of Lower Village marched to the podium and unanimously objected to that Trojan horse.

The voices of the people of Lower Village were heard again at the Kennebunk Board of Selectmen meeting on May 24, 2016 when the Board was persuaded to reject a motion to submit a legal petition to Superior Court that would have allowed more parking at 2 and 4 Doanes Wharf Road for the summer on the same coastal residential land where such parking had been denied by the Kennebunk Zoning Board of Appeals on Nov. 30, 2015.

In the early 1990s, there was a popular country music song, "What Part of No".

The Contract Zone applicant might reflect on the question raised by the lyrics of that 1990s hit song:

**You've been coming on.
If I've told you once
I've told you twice.
What part of 'no'
Don't you understand?**