Statement by Gail Cromwell re allegations by Emily Sliviak

Emily Sliviak states that I took photos of the Sugar Shack on March 6, a maple weekend, and also stopped to talk with someone there, saying that I was "gathering evidence". These are blatant falsehoods. I believe that Ms.Sliviak can be identified as the partner of Ben Fisk and most likely his spokesperson. Over the years Mr. Fisk has attempted to intimidate me without success. These lies are just the latest.

I drove past the event on that day because I had an errand further down the road. I took no photographs and talked with no one. I slowed down only because there was a crowd and I was afraid a child would run in front of me since events were taking place on both sides of the road.

Regarding my contact with VHB in enlisting them for a traffic review, I had a very brief conversation with Robin Bousa, the head of the company, as to their interest and availability. I gave no indication of what my own feelings might be. Everything else was by email. I have turned in the entire correspondence. At the meeting when these allegations were made I suggested to Tom Hanna that he contact Robin Bousa of VHB and ask if anything inappropriate had been said by me. He did not wish to do so. He should have because then he would have discovered the truth.

Since Sliviak's accusations have been posted on the town website as part of the Sugar Shack documents, I request that my comments here be posted as well.

Gail Cromwell April 20, 2021