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Dear Owners,

By this time, you may know that we have been discussing what to do in regards to the 60-70 year old red pines above building nine. There was some concern as to their viability, so we paid two separate certified foresters to give us their professional opinions on this matter. Swift Corwin was recommended to us by one of our owners, and Charlie Koch was known by one of our directors.

We also were given a price of \$2000, by a profession logger, for cutting these red pines and leaving all the rest of the small pines and hemlocks. Andrew Robilee recently took care of all the winter tree damage at the Cathedral of the Pines. All these persons advised that if you were to cut the red pines they would all have to be cut as they were supporting each other.

After listening to these professionals and even seeing a couple of core samples, we are satisfied that the health of these trees is good and probably will be for two or three more years. Obviously no one can say that a bad storm or strong wind cannot fell a tree, but it appears very unlikely at this time. We realize that at a later time the price of dealing with this situation could be higher, but feel that at this time because their demise is not imminent, we should wait.

However, during this process, we have been made very aware that all the white pines planted by the developer around our property are in dire need of being cut. Because they grow fast and are way beyond a size for trimming they will begin doing possible damage to some buildings; because they have very shallow root systems they could fall during a storm or at least lose big limbs, and very soon the cost of taking them down will turn much higher.

So the board has planning to do. We would like to set up an ad hoc planning committee to work with professionals on this matter. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact a board member by June 5.

Very sincerely,

Board of Directors

*Ann Lammers*

*Greg Lawn*

*Marilyn Britton*

PS: One white pine has recently been taken down, but this decision was unrelated to the plans discussed above. This tree was removed to allow for construction of a drainage area to manage the persistent flooding at unit #12 from rain runoff.