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Subject: Letter from Kris Lethin re Seldovia Annexation

Dear Sir or Madame—I am a Member together with my wife Janet in a Limited Liability Company that owns property at about Mile 8.5 on the Jakalof Bay Road with frontage on Kasitsna Bay and above the Road which would be affected by Kris Lethin’s proposal to “readjust” the boundaries of the City of Seldovia. We look forward to being advised if and when the Local Boundary Commission will take up this issue for public comment. We are happy to hear that a hearing would be held in Anchorage.

There are a few items of curiosity in Mr. Lethin’s letter. Is the recitation of long-ago short term government jobs supposed to impress the Commission or the public? Why should the fact, if true, that the boundaries of the City of Seldovia have not been ‘adjusted” for a long time mean they should be adjusted now? Can the University research facility in Kasitsna Bay which I believe is owned by the Federal Government be taxed by the City of Seldovia?

We will reserve full comment for a Public Comment Period. However, we are opposed to the annexation. I do not believe we would receive any additional services but would subsidize Mr. Lethin’s tax responsibility. There has been one instance a few years ago where volunteer fire fighters and a pump responded quickly to a house fire on McDonald Spit, I believe using a boat owned by the University research facility. The costs of such an infrequent occurrence can be billed by the City and whoever owns the boat to the property owner.

I look forward to hearing from you if this matter goes further. Best wishes for Happy Holidays,
Hugh Gellert