This month, the Village worked with approximately 40 seawall beach lot property owners to obtain initial approval of an updated easement allowing the Village to reconstruct the seawall on their property. The response was excellent; only one owner is reluctant to sign so far. Thank you to everyone who responded. Once the Village obtains the last deed of record for each seawall beach lot, it will send a final executable easement form for signature to each property owner.

I thank John Wachter for offering to donate his seawall beach lot to the Village; the more lots the Village owns, the easier the process will be. I also spoke with several residents about their questions on the seawall reconstruction.

I thank National Grid for its generous offer to donate $5,000 toward the annual 4th of July fireworks.

Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and I are completing the final Empire State Development forms for the seawall financing. One budget form remains.

The seawall reconstruction has many moving parts, but I remain optimistic that construction can begin next spring.