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Board of Selectmen
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On July 2, the Historic District Commission will take up the first of two applications for a certificate involving the future development of the property at 81 River Street. The abutting property to the west, 65 River Street, is owned and occupied by Harvey Schmidt, a title examiner I have hired on multiple occasions in the past few years to do deed research for some projects I have taken on as an independent preservation consultant. He will be working with me again this summer, technically as a subcontractor, on a project for which I have a state contract—a National Register nomination funded through the Mass. Historical Commission.

Through John Murray I have been advised by attorney Douglas Wilkins that this arrangement would be considered a business partnership under G.L. c. 268A, s. 19. I am therefore seeking your determination as to whether it represents a financial interest or a business relationship substantial enough to affect the integrity of my services to the Town of Acton through my membership on the Historic District Commission. If you find that it would, I will recuse myself from all matters pertaining to the property in question.

Please let me know if you need additional information from me.

Sincerely,

Anne Forbes, HDC

Cc: HDC, John Murray