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Secretary, Local Government Commission  
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May 11, 2026

Dear Ms. Canada,

I am writing in response to the notice on noncompliance letter we received dated April 29, 2026, regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 audit. We do realize that the FY25 audit has not been submitted and that the last completed audit was FY 2021. We have been working with Mr. Mike Carey with RH Consulting out of Greensboro on the FY22 audit.

We received an email from Mr. Carey on April 13, 2026, stating that he would not be able to focus back on the FY22 audit until July (after almost two years of repeated calls and emails from the town staff asking what they needed and sending over anything requested). The email also stated that the town needed to find someone else to complete the FY23 audit. We have reached out to Mr. Carey as has Ms. Kendra Boyle to try and see how best to move the FY22 audit towards completion.

We have a contract with Cherry Bekaert to assist with year end closeout on the years and they have drafted our FY22 statements pending Mr. Carey's review and completion of the audit. Cherry Bekaert has continued to progress forward and is positioned to supply the subsequent years of data in a timely manner.

Based on the April notice from Mr. Carey, we have begun the process of engaging another auditor, however they cannot start until RH is finished with FY22. We have requested that he consider turning over the unfinished FY22 work to us so someone else can complete it sooner but have received no response. The town is at the mercies of RH Consulting at the moment but please know we are actively seeking another auditor so when FY22 is complete, we can move forward at full speed.

We thank you for your time and understanding and consideration of this appeal to the withholding of our sales tax proceeds. If there is further information I can supply, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jennifer Twiss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Twiss  
Town Administrator