



# Town of Fort Myers Beach

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8 April 2009

Historic Preservation Board  
c/o Joanne Shamp, Chair  
Town of Fort Myers Beach  
2523 Estero Boulevard  
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

RE: COA2009-0001 "The Cottage" Special Certificate of Appropriateness

Dear Chair Shamp and members of the Historic Preservation Board:

Following the March 10, 2009 Historic Preservation Board public hearing on the Special Certificate of Appropriateness applications submitted by the Town of Fort Myers Beach regarding the Newton cottage, the Town Council met and reviewed its options regarding this matter. By consensus, Town Council directed staff to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) so that interested parties may have the opportunity to purchase and relocate the Newton cottage to a site to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Board for appropriateness. The response date for the RFP is June 1, 2009 to be followed by Council discussion of responses on June 15.

Accordingly, as representative of the applicant, I am requesting a continuance of public hearing on the Town's Special Certificate of Appropriateness application to relocate the Newton Cottage from April 14 to the June 23, 2009 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board. It is anticipated that this will allow sufficient time for the applicant's determination of an off-site location to be identified through the RFP process and allow the applicant to file supplemental information that may be helpful in the Board's determination of this matter.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Schober  
Director of Cultural Resources  
Applicant Representative

cc: Michelle Mayher, Town Clerk  
W. Scott Janke, Town Manager