

# *The Beaver Island Association*

*Supporting Environmental and  
Economic Sustainability*

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Re: Beaver Island Association initiatives

Dear Dean Davison:

We appreciate your consideration of our request to use the vans, but we understand CMU's concerns and will make alternative arrangements.

I thought you might be interested in the work in which the Beaver Island Association has involved itself and I have enclosed copies of our last two newsletters which describes recent initiatives.

The economy of the island is struggling and we are working on a variety of economic and environmental projects to draw more families to the island, both visitors and permanent residents. The Biological Station is a major asset and if you can suggest areas where we could work together in this regard we would be interested in seeing if we could be helpful.

The ongoing Island Institute collaboration process, described in our newsletter, identified five areas of the greatest importance to the Beaver Island Community.

1. Establishing broadband connectivity for the internet, available to all businesses, households, the Beaver Island Community School, and health care organizations; along with good island wide cell phone coverage;
2. Island health care and emergency services;
3. Maintaining and improving the quality of K-12 education;
4. Assuring the availability of affordable housing for the island workforce;
5. Effectively marketing Beaver Island as a wonderful place to live and work.

Any suggestions for how we might work together on these priorities would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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