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Dick Whitney
Optical Heritage Museum
368 Main Street
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Dear Dick,

This is to confirm that the Southbridge Town Council voted to approve that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to give permission to place the IEEE plaque (honoring early Fiber Optics work in Southbridge) on the Town Common in an area near the AO Sculpture. You therefore have Town permission to proceed as presented to the Council on January 23, 2012 and we are delighted and honored to have Southbridge recognized in such a manner.

In your presentation to the town, you indicated you are:

“Seeking Town Council permission to place a permanent plaque to commemorate the early contributions by AO to Fiber Optics development in the time period of 1960-64 This plaque is expected to be presented by the IEEE Photonics society to the Town as part of their Milestone awards given throughout the world; I was contacted by their Executive Director to work on this for Southbridge and am doing so in my capacity at OHM Director and Employee of Carl Zeiss Vision R&D (AO Lens)”.

Please advise as to when this shall occur and we look forward honoring the contributions to early Fiber Optics. We thank the IEEE society and the Optical Heritage Museum for recognizing this important contribution to the early development of Fiber Optics.

Sincerely,

Christopher Clark
Town Manager

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Cc: Catherine Nikolla – Chair of Town Council