

Cathy Flynn

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Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:06 AM
To: Cathy Flynn
Subject: Pool on Smith Point

Cathy,

I hope you are the proper person to speak with regarding the proposed inground swimming pool addition being proposed by 7 & 9 Maine Ave. As the co-owner of 8 Maine Ave., along with my sister, Pat Catchpole, I believe we would be the most highly impacted neighbor by this proposal.

As I am sure you are aware, our area of Smith Pt. has been highly impacted by erosion over the last few years. 10 Maine Ave was moved away from danger and placed directly behind our home. The old Eel Skin Inn, part of the 7 & 9 Maine property, was moved directly across from us. We are all now tightly bunched together but for a good cause, saving homes that have stood for many decades.

We now have a new neighbor, with no sense of the history of Smith Point or of what has been happening there. No fault of theirs I suppose, but still important. I personally am not aware of any swimming pools on Smith Point and my history goes back to 1972. Smith Point is not now nor has it ever been like other areas of the island, with grand mansions, swimming pools and tennis courts. Smith Point is humble, natural and, with very few exceptions, almost exactly like it was in 1972, save for the large amount of land taken by the Atlantic over the years.

The fact is, there is not enough space between residences to keep any pool from becoming a nuisance for noise, lighting, as well as a negative environmental impact. Additionally, to compare this proposed pool on Smith Point to the one on the property across the bridge on the other side of Ames Ave. which has a large plot of land and no abutting neighbor directly adjacent to the pool location, is very much comparing apples and oranges.

This seems to be a case of a somewhat naive neighbor attempting to make his property look like others he has seen in other areas of the island. No big crime, but they need to be set straight about Smith Point and about what it is to own a home there and be a neighbor there.

Thank you for any assistance you can be to us.

Sincerely,

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