

Dear Nantucket HDC,

Our families own properties at 7 and 9 Barnabas Lane, and 20 Woodbury Lane and are abutters to 14 Lowell Place. We wanted to bring to your attention a situation regarding the pool at 14 Lowell Place.

On 9/29 the HDC approved a pool at 14 Lowell Place. In discussion, the applicant stated the pool equipment would be located behind a shed on property. The motion approved by the board specified the pool equipment was to be located behind this shed and additionally screened from view in perpetuity.

On 11/4 the applicant filed to demolish the shed on 14 Lowell Place. This was approved by the HDC and the shed removed. Since then, the applicant has subdivided the property and the commission is reviewing plans for a primary and secondary dwelling on the site. While we have concerns about those structures that we have shared separately the intention of this letter is solely to address the situation of the pool.

It is no longer possible for the applicant to complete their pool as approved by the HDC. The shed which HDC approval specified was to screen the pool equipment has been demolished and with the subdivision the location of the pool equipment would be in front of the proposed new house. We are skeptical that this would still be the intended destination from an aesthetic or practical standpoint and more relevant for your purview, certainly would viewable from the public way.

Our understanding from your staff is that this change is material, should require revisions to the application, and that such circumstances would require a new approval from the HDC. Until this matter can be resolved we wonder if the applicant should be allowed to continue construction on the pool which would be impossible to construct in compliance with the approval they received.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charles and Lora Farkas (7 and 9 Barnabas Lane)
Bill and Lisa Becker (20 Woodbury Lane)

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