

Dear Conservation Committee,

Our names are Robert and Ashley Lenihan and our home 82 Union is on the Abutter's List for 2 Mariner Way.

We are deeply opposed to the applicant's request for permission to change their plan for 2 Mariner way by removing the previously approved garage and instead installing a pool. The addition of a pool materially changes the originally-approved plan (submitted by a different owner) in a way that would result in significant harm to the neighborhood. We understand that an amendment to an OOC is meant to be for relatively minor matters, and this is anything but minor. There are a several points to consider:

1. Our home is in a flood zone, and the construction of three additional homes in this area will already have a significant impact on both the water table and the flow of rain and flood waters in the area. Flooding in the area increased dramatically with the previous buildings erected on Mariner way. THIS MEANS that replacing a garage with a deck with a pool is significant -- whether or not the pool is being billed as being 'built into the deck', some portion of the pool will likely need to rest on or be under the ground, which will significantly exacerbate flooding on our property. **Any such additional and unnecessary ground displacement is a serious concern in our neighborhood.**

2. We are also very concerned about the impact that the inevitable overflow and drainage such a pool will have on the natural resources in our area. Whether the pool is filled with fresh or saltwater, it would require the use of chemicals that would be harmful to the vulnerable wetlands, plants and animals in our neighborhood, including Goose Pond, Consue Spring, and the Harbor.

3. We also urge the Conservation Commission to reject the request to build a pool at 2 Mariners Way that is significantly out of character in a historic and nature-bound neighborhood defined by the wetlands, Goose Pond, the Spring, and the Harbor. We trust that the Conservation Commission will wish to protect such a precious natural habitat.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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