

Dear Conservation Committee,

My name is Margaret Rawson and I live at 3 Mariner Way, a home that is on the Abutter's List for 2 Mariner Way.

I am strongly opposed to the applicant's request for permission to "reconfigure" their plan to remove the approved garage and install a pool. The addition of a pool changes the originally-approved plan (that was submitted by a different owner, by the way) in a material way that is very harmful to the neighborhood. It is my understanding that an amendment to an OOC is for relatively minor matters, and this is not minor.

1. My/our home is in a flood zone, and the construction of three homes in this area is going to have a significant impact on the water table and flow of water in an area where flooding is already rampant. Swapping out a garage for a deck with a pool is not insignificant; a pool would only exacerbate the flooding to our property. While the pool is being billed as "built into the deck", it is unclear how much of the pool will be underground. Any additional ground displacement is of serious concern.

2. In addition to my concerns about the impact of flooding on our property, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the inevitable overflow and drainage of pools on the natural resources in the vicinity. Whether the proposed pool is fresh or salt water, there are chemicals involved in both that would have harmful effects on the vulnerable wetlands and all of the plants and animals in our neighborhood, including the Duck Pond, Harbor, and more.

3 Finally, I urge the Conservation Commission to reject the request to build a pool at 2 Mariners Way because it is a betrayal to this magical neighborhood that is defined by the wetlands, the Duck/Goose Pond, and the Harbor. I understand that it might be "technically" allowed to build a pool in this zone due to the area's prior zoning code, but it is most definitely not in the spirit of what the Conservation Commission stands for. If the developer is successful in building a pool at 2 Mariner's Way, they will surely plow ahead to build the proposed pools at 4 and 6 Mariner's, and this natural habitat, in the heart of the Historic District, will be shattered. We look to the Conservation Commission to protect this precious natural habitat.

I ask that you share this letter with the Commissioners in advance of the Public Hearing scheduled for 5pm ET on Thursday, April 27th.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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