

Dear Conservation Commission Members,

Our names are Diane Pitt and Mitch Karlin and we live at 115 Washington Street (cottages C and D), homes that are on the Abutter's List for 2 Mariner Way.

We are strongly opposed to the applicant's request for permission to amend the OOC, approved March 29 last year, to "reconfigure" their plan, by removing the approved garage and installing a pool. The addition of the pool changes the originally approved plan in a material way that is very harmful to the neighborhood.

1. There are 3 pools proposed in the build-out of this development – one at each house to be built on the remaining three lots. The pools are at a low elevation and in a flood plain and our concern is that chlorinated water and other chemicals from these pools will spill and pool onto the land, whether from a storm, rising tides, flooding, maintenance issues, or leaks. The accidental or purposeful discharge of chlorinated water from pools is highly toxic and carcinogenic to wildlife and vegetation.

2. Our neighborhood floods already and the land in question is in a flood plain, adjacent to fragile wetlands, the Goose Pond, the Salt Marsh and The Harbor nearby. The bordering wetlands and surrounding areas have an incredible range of wildlife, aquatic plants and vegetation. One of the greatest risks to wetlands is polluted runoff, namely chlorine and algaecides.

3. Please consider the consequences of an inevitable overflow and drainage of pools on this susceptible land so close to the harbor. The subsequent damage will be magnified beyond our neighborhood. The proximity of these pools puts at risk the most sensitive and pristine features of Nantucket that contribute so much to the well-being of our eco system.....the Wetlands, the Salt March and our Harbor.

We ask that you contemplate the risk, the hazard, and the impact that these chemicals will have on this vulnerable area. We will never be able to replicate or repair what will be lost.

In closing, we urge the Conservation Commission to reject the request to build a pool at 2 Mariner Way and subsequently reject the proposed pools at 4 and 6 Mariner Way.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

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