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**To:** James Gorman <[jgorman@southkingstownri.com](mailto:jgorman@southkingstownri.com)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Zoning Request by Earle Sharpe and Brenna Rheinberger - Parkwood Drive

Dear Mr. Gorman and fellow Zoning Board Members,

This correspondence is in regard to the Zoning Board of Review Application dated 7/15/2022 submitted by Earle & Brenna Sharpe requesting a dimensional variance for Assessors Plat 31-2, Assessors Lot 93 located on Parkwood Drive.

We live at 121 Parkwood Drive, Kingston, RI. This is Assessors Plat 31-2, Assessors Lot 89. **We are abutters to this lot**, across the street.

**We signed the petition that was submitted yesterday (August 14), and agree wholeheartedly with the points made, along with 19 of our neighbors.**

We can attest that with our neighborhood's frequent, multi-day power outages, an OWTS ceases to function. Parkwood Drive is often among the last neighborhoods restored in a power outage due to our small size (about 20 households) and the above-ground wires. The OWTS in our yard turns into a smelly, untreated, mess of sewage that leaches into our yard after two days. In the case of Lot 93, that would be the wetlands. This occurs 2-4 times per year, sometimes up to 5 additional days after the initial 48 hours. The Zoning Board should be aware that this property can count on approximately 8-10 days each year of untreated septic runoff due to power outages. This is our personal experience.

Throughout the history of Parkwood Drive (since 1968), that lot has been deemed unbuildable due to the wetlands. Otherwise, it would have been developed years ago by prior owners. The land hasn't changed. What has changed is that its new owners Earle & Brenna Sharpe bought the land in 2020, waiting for the market to boom, and to disregard zoning and wetlands regulations.

The character of the neighborhood would change, not for the better, with the proposed variances.

Please reject the plan.

Respectfully yours,

Brett and Wendy Lucht

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