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Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Use Code change from automotive repair to Boat Storage and Retail Trade of Marine Products at 1965 Kingstown Rd.

To the SK Zoning Board of Review

We are **in favor of** the requested zoning variance on the minimum lot area described by the Petition of Michael Garretson, 1965 Kingstown Road.

We have lived on Greenwood Drive for 35 years and stare at this property every time we leave our neighborhood. **Here is why we feel this change is beneficial for the town:**

- Boat Storage and Retail Trade of Marine Products will reduce traffic vs the high daily traffic of cars and car part deliveries that occur at a car repair shop.
- By virtue of the landscaping changes that will only happen by a change in use, a very good landscaping upgrade will happen: three London Plane trees planted, added shrubbery along the road, replacement fences and lighting. If car repair is retained, no changes are likely to happen.
- The new owner has no plans to store or sell boats, only to repair marine electronics and sell accessories. Given a lack of a use code for this limited purpose, a variance to the only available code makes sense.
 - The town could consider somehow restricting this lot to prohibit "boat storage, and boat sales" we suppose.
 - Even if a future owner wanted to sell boats, the smaller lot would be self-limiting and perhaps appropriate for this site!

With a site aesthetic upgrade, reduced traffic and many fewer vehicles likely to be seen in this new use, we support the granting of this variance. The request for a different use is a gift!

Thank you for your consideration.

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