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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dimensional Variance for Parkwood Drive lot 93

Dear Mr. Gorman and fellow Members of the Zoning Board of Review,

I object to the proposed dimensional variance and Special Use Permit requests submitted by Earl and Brenna Sharpe on February 10, 2022.

We bought our house on Mark Glen Court (around the corner from lot 93) in 1976 with the expectation that all homes in Parkwood Plat would conform to South Kingstown Zoning requirements as well as the restrictions of that plat recorded at Town Hall January 16, 1966. Both require 35 foot road setbacks. As a professor with special interest in landscape horticulture, I have strived to maintain our property to the highest standards and assisted many neighbors with their properties by providing landscape plants to 10 of the 20 homes in the plat. I care deeply about the appearance of our neighborhood.

Thus, I am concerned about the proposal to cram a house, driveway, and septic system in the front one sixth of an acre in lot 93. A house with 23 feet setback and a raised septic system only 10 feet from the road is totally out of character with the neighborhood and would diminish the aesthetics and property values of the entire plat.

I'd also like to comment on the landscape plan. While appropriate for other areas, this plan does not consider the large deer herd that moves between the Land Trust property and Potter Wood. Arborvitae are deer candy and the row of 37 five to six foot plants projected to shade the wetland will be totally defoliated in the first winter - as will the blueberries and rhododendrons planned for the rain garden. These plantings will not protect the wetlands.

I encourage the board to deny this petition.

Sincerely,

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