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To Chairman Ryer and members of the Board of Appeals

Everyone dreams of owning a home, a few dream of owning a home that has a long history and that's surrounded by others that all tell stories of the past. To find, buy and maintain such a home requires hard work, every spare dollar and lots of love. People bought homes in West Harwich’s 'Captain’s Row' with the assurance that zoning bylaws would protect their investment and their neighborhood.

But that seems to be false security

I’m not a resident of that wonderful neighborhood, but in my 50 years in Harwich, as often as possible, I’ve driven along that stretch to feel the town as it once was … simple and elegant antique homes, ancient trees and well-kept yards, the iconic marsh and the Herring river. To me and to every visitor, this stretch of road is the welcoming face of Harwich

I ask that you please consider the many reasons NOT to overbuild this neighborhood. Aside from its negative impact on the surrounding watershed and on the property rights of surrounding homeowners, a cluster of faceless buildings in the midst of this neighborhood would destroy the esthetic and historic integrity of a community that is the epitome of Harwich in its golden years.

Please deny the Habitat project.

Sincerely,

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