

Harwich Zoning Board of Appeals

[Re: # 22 Ocean avenue- variance request](#)

September 12, 2022

Dear members of the Harwich Zoning Board of Appeals,

My name is Bob White, I have owned my cottage located at 24 Ocean Avenue since 1974. I enjoy the "campground" and its special group of neighbors. While I respect the new owners of the property next to me (#22 Ocean Ave.) right to request a variance, I urge the Committee to deny the request.

I have owned my home for nearly fifty years, and in all that time I cannot remember a single case where an owner has been granted a right to develop beyond their existing building footprint. In fact, quite recently, the owner of 26 Ocean Avenue petitioned to expand 5 feet closer to #28 Ocean Ave and was denied and needed to construct their new home within the footprint they had.

The existing home at #22 Ocean Ave is twenty feet wide which is plenty wide enough for the new home. Our Ocean Grove neighborhood is already tight enough and if this variance request is allowed it will infringe on my neighbors and establish a bad president for the neighborhood.

I respectfully request that you help keep the Ocean grove neighborhood properties to within their established footprint and maintain the unique community that we value.

Best Regards



Bob White

24 Ocean Avenue

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