

January 2, 2024

Duncan Berry, Chair

Town of Harwich Planning Board

732 Main Street

Harwich, MA 02645

Dear Mr. Barry:

With regard to the Oliver Homes proposal to build another dwelling at 86 Miles Street, Harwich Port MA 02646 I remain very concerned about the lack of Planning Board attention to continued improper allowance of an access road at the back of 86 Miles Street onto Grassy Pond Road.

The parties who are making the proposal have indicated that there was a temporary allowance of a pathway to the rear of 86 Miles Street in order to build a large swimming pool behind the home. This temporary path off Grassy Pond Road was never approved by the Planning Board despite the requirement that such approval is required. However, it has continued to be used for all manner of services to 86 Miles Street off Grassy Pond Road. The result has been significant safety issues due to the proximity to the adjacent property, worrisome danger for neighbors who walk the circle and have faced trucks and cars entering and leaving 86 Miles at the sharp bend in Grassy Pond Road and damage to adjacent properties. Now calling this an access road because the Building Commissioner does not object to it, in no way fulfills the required Public Hearing and abutter input and then Planning Board determination whether such a path might become an approved access to the proposed new dwelling now under consideration.

I have been appreciative of your willingness to hear out both sides as this proposal has been under consideration for many months. Please assure that the issues outlined above regarding the improper driveway are reviewed by the Planning Board.

I join with my many neighbors in continuing to object strongly to the proposal of Oliver Homes.

Sincerely,

Katherine and Edward Pendergast

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Harwich Port, MA 02646

