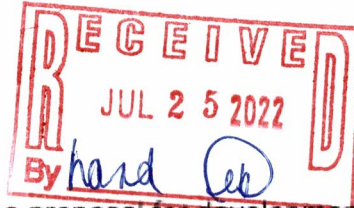


To: the Harwich Planning Board



I am writing to express my concerns about the proposal for development of 575 Rte 28 in Harwich Port. As a former member and Chair of the Thetford, Vermont Planning Commission and Zoning Board for over 13 years I have a lot of experience in knowing when any waiver or variance should be granted.

I see the proposal as submitted to be significantly too large a building for the lot. Parking, as you know, is already a huge issue in the Port and to increase the problem would be irresponsible to even think of doing. I was on the Harwich Parking Committee as well as the Noise Containment Committee. Working with the businesses and Chamber, the parking situation has improved but is still bad. You cannot find a place to park during the summer and Cross Street has become dangerous at times with cars lining both sides of the street. I highly doubt that an emergency vehicle could get through.

As a mediator I always look for compromise. I see two options for the development of this parcel. Decrease the size of the building so that there is sufficient onsite parking. Combine this lot with the adjacent lot, which I am told the developer owns, to provide for the required parking.

In starting with an empty lot there is absolutely no need to waive the parking requirements as written.

Thank you,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances Rich".

