

## Zoning Board of Appeals

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**From:** Mr. Sullivan <rlsvan@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** zba@westtisbury-ma.gov  
**Subject:** Special Permit Amendment: 2019-55 Boat Storage 143 Old Holmes Hole Rd.

Greetings Mr. Schubert,

I have various concerns and questions regarding the commercial storage of boats at my neighboring residence of 143 Old Holmes Hole Rd. for the board's consideration.

1. The Special Way designation of Old Holmes Hole Rd. seems to preclude the operation of yet another business in the Rural-zoned neighborhood. The other being the recently approved tattoo parlor at the Begley residence at 140 Old Holmes Hole Rd.
2. Transportation and access to the property at 143 is problematic via the narrow said Special Way. Trucks transporting boats on trailers on the single-vehicle-width road, as well as additional wear and tear on the road itself are major problems for the residents.
3. How are the boats stored? On trailers? Stands? Covered? Standing water accumulates in uncovered and even covered boats, promoting mosquitoes and odors.
4. Hazardous materials from anti-fouling bottom paint, fuel, oil, grease, battery acid, and hydraulic fluid will leach into the ground water in a residential neighborhood on wells. How is this being addressed?
5. Where on the property are boats to be stored?
6. What is the term of the Special Permit? Is it permanent?
7. What oversight is there as to compliance with any terms (boat-count limits, etc.?)
8. What other town boards have been involved in the process, or need to be? Conservation?
9. There is a considerable fire risk associated with the concentrated storage of boats. Has the Fire Chief been consulted/approved this use? Does the town have the infrastructure to suppress a fire involving potentially 25 boats with no fire hydrants, etc.?
10. Mr. Saltmarsh is not the owner-of-record of 143 Old Holmes Hole Rd. Does he have a lease, permitting this use/business with the owners on file with the town?

Commercial storage of 25 boats is certainly not in keeping with the rural character of Old Holmes Hole Rd. Thank you for your attention on this matter and I look forward to attending the meeting this afternoon.

Regards,  
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