

**Subject: 71 Carl's Way**

Hi all,

I feel the need to weigh in on this project on the Great Pond.

At a very basic level, I feel like this should be a very simple no. The impact of a project of this scope at the edge of an impaired water body is the antithesis to the MWPA and the local by-laws. The majority of this project is a **want** and not a need. The applicant wants to work within the jurisdiction of the CC, they do not need to. The CC has a history of working very hard with applicants on the most difficult of lots that there is a way to build a home. Here, there is a home. And if they want to rebuild, that is fine. Plenty of room to do that and still conform to (all) the by- laws of the town. There may not be room for all the 'wants' but there is space for any needs. I understand that the CC has no say on the ZBA by laws, but for the applicant to simply conform with the size by-law (big house) that would go a long way to move them out of CC jurisdiction.

Further, there has been no effort to go to ZBA for set back relief (only height relief, trying to claim this is a wooded lot, then asking for one area to be wooded...???). The garage/ pool/cabana...all could be moved back to the edge of the property. They are the last house on the road, use all that space. This applicant has asked for a continuance each CC meeting prior to the last one, so they have no right to say they have been 'pushed' back by the CC as that is absolutely not true. And if one reads the planning board minutes, that board has made it crystal clear that they are unhappy with the size/scope considering there is a town by-law that also clearly states what the size limits are. They just simply refuse to budge on what they 'want' and at meeting after meeting have tried to get the boards to 'tell' them what to do. Reading the town by-laws will inform them what to do.

The level of information about the health of the Tisbury Great Pond and the watershed should be all the board needs to vote no on this. But the local by-laws give the rest of the answers needed. The by-laws have to be voted on by 2/3 of the town and approved by the AG. The purview of the CC is the protect these resources and you all do an amazing if unpopular job! And this job is only getting harder as these **wants** keep coming. Incremental creep that will have a very dramatic affect. Some argue it already is.

Thank you all so much for your hard work to protect WT and uphold the standards.

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