

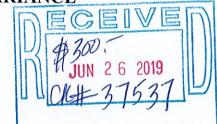
COMBINDED APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT & A REGULATORY (DIMENSIONAL) VARIANCE

CITY OF NEWPORT, RI ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

DATE:

June 26, 2019

Board Members:



The undersigned hereby petitions the Zoning Board of Review for a special use permit and a regulatory variance in the application of the provisions or regulations of the Zoning Ordinance affecting the following described premises in the manner and on the grounds hereinafter set forth.

Location of Premises

Street & No: 25 Waites Wharf

Tax Assessor's Plat: 32, Lot: 155

Street & No: 20 West Extension Street

Tax Assessor's Plat: 32, Lot: 267

Street & No: 1 Waites Wharf

Tax Assessor's Plat: 32, Lot: 268

Street & No: 0 Waites Wharf

Tax Assessor's Plat: 32, Lot: 272

Street & No: 16 Waites Wharf

Tax Assessor's Plat: 32, Lot: 248

Street & No: 23 Coddington Wharf

Tax Assessor's Plat: 32, Lot: 293

Petitioner's Information

Applicant:

Harbour Realty, LLC

Address:

c/o J. Russell Jackson

Miller Scott Holbrook & Jackson

122 Touro Street Newport, RI 02840

Owners:

Harbour Realty, LLC

c/o J. Russell Jackson

Tomorl, LLC

Miller Scott Holbrook & Jackson

20 West Extension, LLC

122 Touro Street

Waites Wharf Realty Association, LLC

Newport, RI 02840

Thomas B. Abruzese

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N/A

N/A

Property Characteristics

As part of this proposed development, the Applicant/Owners propose to merge the two (2) contiguous lots which are north of the Waites Wharf right of way into a single lot, and to merge the four (4) contiguous lots which are south of the Waites Wharf right of way into single lot. For the purposes of this Application the proposed merged lots will be referred to as "Waites Wharf North Lot" and "Waites Wharf South Lot."

Proposed Waites Wharf North Lot

Dimensions of Lot: Frontage: 427 ft. +/- Waites Wharf (Lot 155)

135 ft. +/- West Extension St. (Lot 267)

Depth: 170 ft. +/-

Area: 84,471 sq. ft. +/-

Zoning District in which premises is located: Waterfront Business

How long have you owned above premises? 24 Years – 25 Waites Wharf (Lot 155)

3 Years – 20 West Extension St. (Lot 267)

Are there buildings on the premises at present? Yes

Total square footage of the footprint of existing buildings: 15,035 sq. ft. +/-

Total square footage of the footprint of proposed buildings: 17,726 sq. ft. +/-

Present use of premise: Marina, nightclub, parking, warehouse.

Proposed use of premises: Marina, hotel, restaurant, banquet facility, parking.

Proposed Waites Wharf South Lot

Dimensions of Lot: Frontage: 522.12 ft. +/- Waites Wharf (Lots 268, 272, 248)

95.32 ft. +/- Coddington Wharf (Lot 293)

Depth: 131.73 ft. +/-**Area:** 53,322 sq. ft. +/-

Zoning District in which premises is located: Waterfront Business

How long have you owned above premises? 24 Years – 1 Waites Wharf (Lot 268)

16 Years – 0 Waites Wharf (Lot 272) 13 Years – 16 Waites Wharf (Lot 248) 18 Years – 23 Coddington Wharf (Lot 293)

Are there buildings on the premises at present? Yes

Total square footage of the footprint of existing buildings: 12,835 sq. ft. +/-

Total square footage of the footprint of proposed buildings: 10,339 sq. ft. +/-

Present use of premise: Marina, restaurant & deck, parking, warehouse, residential dwelling.

Proposed use of premises: Marina, hotel, restaurant, banquet facility, parking.

Give extent of proposed alterations: The Applicant proposes to demolish the existing structures on both the merged Waites Wharf North Lot (Existing Lots 155 & 267) and the merged Waites Wharf South Lot (Existing Lots 268, 272, 248 & 293) and construct an upscale 150 room hotel. The hotel rooms, uses, amenities and parking will be distributed between the North and South Lots. The newly constructed hotel building on the Waites Wharf North Lot will have 88 guest rooms and will also house the restaurant, banquet and wedding facilities. The new hotel building on the South Lot will have 62 guest rooms.

Zoning Characteristics Matrix

Attached Hereto as Exhibit A

Project Summary:

The Applicant seeks relief pursuant to the hereinafter named provisions of the Zoning Code, for permission to demolish all existing structures on the subject parcels and merge the two lots north of the Waites Wharf right of way (Lots 155 & 267) into a single "North Lot" and merge the four lots south of the Waites Wharf right of way (Lots 268, 272, 248 & 293) into a single "South Lot." The North and South Lots will each be a conforming lot in the Waterfront Business Zone. Upon the merger of the lots, the Applicant proposes to continue the existing marina use and develop an upscale 150 room hotel complex with restaurant, wedding and banquet facilities. A hotel building with a footprint of 17,726 square feet will be constructed on the North Lot, which will house 88 guest rooms as well as the restaurant, wedding and banquet spaces. A hotel building with a footprint of 10,339 square feet will be constructed on the South Lot, which will house 62 guest rooms. The buildings will be constructed to meet all modern building code and flood zone requirements. Parking is provided on both the North and South Lots. Combined, there will be 266 parking spaces which will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Zoning Code based on the various proposed uses of the two lot complex. The development will meet all setback, lot coverage and building height dimensional requirements for the Waterfront Business Zone. There will be a substantial increase in green space and a state of the art water quality and storm water management system installed as part of the project.

The development will enhance public access to the water by providing an improved pedestrian walkway around the entire perimeter of the hotel and marina complex. At the end of West Extension Street, the Applicant proposes to increase green space to make the public dinghy dock and public right of way more user friendly. From that point there will be a ten foot wide walking path running along the northern portion of the North Lot, until it reaches the western terminus of the parcel. Along the western end of both the North and South Lots, public access will be increased by providing a land based fifteen foot wide public walking and harbor observation area. A public access walking path will also be provided along the southern boundary of the premises and will provide a pedestrian connection to Coddington Wharf. The existing marina office will be removed from the western end of the Waites Wharf right of way. The proposed development will preserve and enhance existing direct public access to the water and will provide an improved and vital link for the ongoing development of the Newport Harbor walk.

As part of this development plan, the Applicant will be seeking relief pursuant to the following provisions of the Zoning Code:

Section 17.108.020 (Special Use Permits)
Section 17.56.020 (B)(8) (WB Zone Use Regulations – Transient Guest Facilities)

The proposed use as a hotel or "Transient Guest Facility" is allowed in the Waterfront Business Zone with a Special Use Permit. These sections of the Zoning Code are the applicable provisions relating to the Applicant's request for a Special Use Permit for the development.

Section 17.108.010 (Variances)

This section of the code allows the Applicant to seek a variance from the literal application and enforcement of various provisions of the Zoning Code.

Section 17.100.050 (C) (Development Standards – Transient Guest Facilities – Room Density)

The Applicant seeks a regulatory variance from the requirements of the Development Standards as they relate to room density. In zones where Transient Guest Facilities are allowed by Special Use Permit, the standard density is one guest room per 1,500 square feet of lot area. This formula would yield a count of 91 guest rooms on the combined subject North and South Lots. The Applicant seeks a variance from the Development Standards to allow for 150 guest rooms.

Section 17.104.020 (F) (Parking & Loading Standards - Parking on Noncontiguous lots)

This section of the Zoning Code calls for the parking requirements for a Transient Guest Facility to be satisfied on site. To the extent necessary, the Applicant seeks relief from this provision of the Zoning Code to allow for the adjacent but noncontiguous North and South Lots, which are under common ownership and part of a comprehensive development plan, to be considered together for the purposes of satisfying the parking requirements for each of the uses of the hotel and marina complex.

<u>Section 17.104.040 (B) (Parking & Loading Standards – Parking Space Design Standards – Exiting and Entering onto a Right of Way)</u>

This section of the Zoning Code relating to Parking Space Design Standards requires that off street parking spaces open directly upon an aisle or driveway and not a pedestrian or vehicular right of way. The Applicant seeks relief to allow a portion of the proposed parking spaces on both the North and South Lots to open upon the Waites Wharf right of way.

What provisions of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan are applicable to this project?

The Applicant avers that the project is consistent with many provisions of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, including, but not limited to the following:

Land Use Goals and Policies:

Goal LU-1: To provide a balanced City consisting of residential, commercial, and

employment uses consistent with the character, environmental resources and

vision of the community.

Policy LU-1.3: The City shall work with state regional agencies and private property owners

to maintain viable maritime uses and public access within the city's harbor

area, while also supporting uses necessary to accommodate tourism.

Policy LU-1.4: The City shall maintain design standards to protect historic structures.

maintain the heritage of the community, and maintain views and access to the

harbor and waterfront areas.

Policy LU-1.6: The City shall encourage upgrading, beautification, revitalization, and

environmentally appropriate reuse of existing commercial areas.

Economic Development:

Goal ED-1: To develop a robust and diverse economy, providing suitable employment

opportunities for residents, and a stable tax base.

Policy ED-1.1: The City shall support key economic drivers while also seeking to attract and

grow its technology sector and businesses that represent new and innovative

concepts and technologies.

Policy ED-1.5: The City shall build upon thriving sectors to develop a more substantial year-

round tourism economy.

Goal ED-2: To protect and enhance the City's maritime related business.

Policy ED-2.1: The City shall consider the impacts of plans, programs, investments,

regulations and other factors influencing or potentially influencing the

viability of its maritime businesses and will take appropriate actions to avoid

or mitigate negative impacts.

Goal ED-3: To provide efficient and effective government services to encourage economic

development.

Policy ED-3.1: The City shall work with the State and advocate for City revenue options

which provide a better return between the tax contributions provided by tourism in Newport with the tax revenues returned by the State to the City to

pay for the services required to support the large tourism base.

Policy ED-3.5: The City shall make strategic capital investments that facilitate core economic

development objectives.

Transportation and Circulation:

Goal T-5: To provide sufficient and suitably located parking, designed to eliminate,

mitigate or reduce impacts.

Policy T-5.1: The City shall strive to develop, implement and actively manage a plan and

program intended to provide sufficient parking to support local businesses and

tourist activity sites.

Open Space & Recreation:

Goal OSR-3: To protect and enhance public access to shoreline and waterfront areas.

Policy OSR-3.1: The City shall enhance and protect public access to the shoreline and

waterfront areas through recreational sites, public rights-of-way, and access

easements.

What special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district?

The Applicant/Owners own title to six contiguous or adjacent parcels of land, encompassing over half of the western portion of Waites Wharf. This is a unique circumstance in the Waterfront Business Zone, both in terms of the number of adjacent or contiguous lots under common ownership and in terms of the overall size of the area. These parcels are divided down the middle by the Waites Wharf public right of way. Without the right of way, all lots would be contiguous and available to merge into a single parcel in support of the proposed development. The Applicant is seeking a

regulatory variance to utilize all six lots by merging both lots north of the right of way into a single lot and merging all lots south of the right of way into a single lot and thereafter having both lots considered as a single development for zoning purposes. The flood zone status of this property also presents unique challenges to site development, storm water management and construction. The regulatory variances from the Development Standards requested by the Applicant as they relate to parking space design standards and room density would allow for the reasonable use of the land in light of these unique circumstances and challenges.

Explain how the literal interpretation of the provisions of this zoning code deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other property owners in the same district under the provisions of this zoning code?

The subject property encompasses the western half of Waites Wharf. The property is in the heart of the Waterfront Business Zone and is surrounded by a rich mix of uses including traditional maritime, educational/institutional, retail, standard restaurant, fast food restaurants, parking lots, bar/taverns, offices, transient guest facilities, timeshares, residences and multi-unit condominium developments. The proposed hotel structures in this development will comply with setback, lot coverage and building height requirements. The ongoing marina operation is a use by right and the proposed hotel is a permitted use. The requested regulatory variances will allow both for a parking plan which provides 266 spaces, exceeding the number required by the proposed uses and for a room count which makes the project economically viable. The Applicant's hardship is due to the unique characteristics of the subject land as described herein and the literal interpretation of the zoning code, resulting in the denial of the relief requested would deny the Applicant the opportunity to develop the property as a transient guest facility, (which is allowed by Special Use Permit), in a manner consistent with a number of properties throughout the Waterfront Business Zone. The planned use of this property by the Applicant is appropriate and consistent with the purpose and intent of the Waterfront Business Zone and is consistent with the rights enjoyed by other property owners throughout this business district.

Explain why this is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure.

The relief requested are the minimum variances and the least relief necessary that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure as a viable marina and hotel complex. These uses are consistent with the purpose and intent of the Waterfront Business Zone. The proposed development will be in harmony with the surrounding area and will allow for the use of the property consistent with other properties in the densely developed Waterfront Business Zone. The variances will not be injurious to the surrounding area or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare, nor will they impair the intent or purpose of the Zoning Code or the Comprehensive Land Use Plan because the requested regulatory variances are in furtherance of a reasonable use of the property. If the variances are denied the Applicant will suffer a hardship amounting to more than a mere inconvenience because it would be denied the ability to have a reasonable use as a viable transient guest facility in a manner consistent with the character of the Waterfront Business Zone.

The Zoning Boards Role

Special use permits shall be granted only where the zoning board of review finds that the proposed use or the proposed extension or alteration of an existing use is in accord with the public convenience and welfare, after taking into account, where appropriate:

- 1. The nature of the proposed site, including its size and shape and the proposed size, shape and arrangement of the structure;
- 2. The resulting traffic patterns and adequacy of proposed off-street parking and loading;
- 3. The nature of the surrounding area and the extent to which the proposed use or feature will be in harmony with the surrounding area;
- 4. The proximity of dwellings, churches, schools, public buildings and other places of public gathering;
- 5. The fire hazard resulting from the nature of the proposed buildings and uses and the proximity of existing buildings and uses;
- 6. All standards contained in this zoning code;
- 7. The comprehensive plan for the city.

The burden of proof in a special-use permit application is on the applicant. This means that if the applicant fails to resent adequate competent evidence to prove the applicable standard for issuing a special-use permit has been met, the board must deny the application.

In granting a variance, the zoning board of review shall require that evidence of the following standards be entered into the record of the proceedings:

- a) That the reasons set forth in the application justify the granting of the variance and that the variance, if granted, is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure;
- b) That the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare, and will not impair the intent or purpose of the zoning code or the comprehensive plan upon which this zoning code is based;
- c) That the hardship from which the applicant seeks relief is due to the unique characteristics of the subject land or structure and not due to the general characteristics of the surrounding are; and is not due to a physical or economic disability of the applicant; and
- d) That the hardship is not the result of any prior action of the applicant and does not result primarily from the desire of the applicant to realize greater financial gain;
- e) That the hardship that will be suffered by the owner of the subject property if the dimensional variance is not granted shall amount to more than a mere inconvenience. The fact that a use may be more profitable or that a structure may be more valuable after the relief is granted shall not be grounds for relief.

By signing below, I hereby attest that the information provided is accurate and truthful. I also attest that I have read the section entitled "The Zoning Board's Role".

Applicant & Owners By Their Attorneys Miller Scott Holbrook & Jackson

J. Russell Jackson, Esq.

122 Touro Street Newport, RI 02840 Tel: 401-847-7500

jrjackson@millerscott.com

Constance N. Purcell 1708 Cypress Terrace Court West Palm Beach, FL 33411 561/333-0205

August 13, 2019



Sent via US Mail & email spires@cityofnewport.com

City of Newport
Office of Planning and Zoning
43 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840-2798

Re: Notice to Property Owners Within 200' Radius of 25 Waite's Wharf, 23 Coddington Wharf, et al., Newport, RI

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in receipt of the above-referenced Notice to Property Owners. As an adjacent property owner I **STRONGLY OBJECT** to any such special use permit and/or variance to permit the demolition of existing structures and construction of a 150-room transient guest facility described in the attached notice, now or ever.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting referenced in your Notice but ask that my objection be voiced and this letter be made a part of the record of these Public Hearings.

Thank you for your kind consideration, I remain

Sincerely

Constance N. Purcell

CNP: wh

Enclosure

Pires, Stephanie

From:

Weston, Guy

Sent:

Monday, November 25, 2019 9:20 AM

To:

Carter Mario

Cc: Subject: Pires, Stephanie RE: Waite's Wharf project

Thank you. Your comments have been added to the file.

From: Carter Mario [mailto:CMario@cartermario.com]

Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 11:45 AM

To: Weston, Guy

Subject: Waite's Wharf project

Dear Mr. Weston and Distinguished Zoning Board Members,

I am writing to share with you my concern for the proposed development on Waite's Wharf. I own property on Spring Street and on Thames Street and have been coming to Newport for the past 45 years.

This proposed project will have no positive outcome for Newport if approved, but is being done solely for the financial gain of the owner and no one else. It is much too dense a use and will overburden the streets and infrastructure of Newport. I drove down Waites Wharf the other day just to remind myself how narrow the street is and immediately wondered how on earth you could possibly think the roads can support any more traffic than what currently exists. If you approve this project, you will be ruining the quality of life for all the residents of Newport, especially those who live anywhere near Waite's Wharf.

Newport simply does not have the infrastructure to handle this type of development in the Waite's Wharf area and every member knows that and should do what's right, and that is to not approve the application.

Sincerely,
Carter E. Mario
398 Spring Street
375-379 Thames Street (Newport Onshore Marina #4, #10)



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NEWPORT RI 02840

32-076-T RESTORATION LEASING LLC 449 THAMES ST NEWPORT RI 02840

32-121 PATTAVINA ANGELINA 2 BRENTON RD NEWPORT RI 02840

32-123 GROVER ARTHUR A PO BOX 739 NEWPORT RI 02840

32-125 INTERNATIONAL YACHT RESTORATION SCHOOL 10 SPRING WHF NEWPORT RI 02840

32-126 GROVER ARTHUR A PO BOX 739 NEWPORT RI 02840

32-126-4 477 THAMES STREET LLC C/O T. MUNNELLY 15 HOWARD ST NEWPORT RI 02840 32-127 SILVER LAKE PIZZA INC 409 HOPE FURNACE RD HOPE RI 02831

32-150 ASGARD INC 40 MARY ST NEWPORT RI 02840

32-151 BEDARD GEORGE 5 BURR AVE BARRINGTON RI 02806

32-153 STERNS TIMOTHY F 4 FARM ST BELLINGHAM MA 02019

32-156 BERNARD COLLETTE 485 THAMES ST NEWPORT RI 02840

32-157 MONIZ BRUCE A 487 THAMES ST NEWPORT RI 02840

32-158
COLLINS WILLIAM &
COLLINS LISA
12 CLARK CT
LARCHMONT NY 10538

32-159 ASGARD INC

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FIRTH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC 1260 HIDDEN HARBOUR WAY SARASOTA FL 24242

32-221-04 DIVON MICHAEL 31 CODDINGTON WHARF UNIT #4 NEWPORT RI 02540

32-221-05 TYLER TWO LLC & FIRELAND ACQUISITIONS LLC RICHARD & VIVIAN HYDE 33 CHURCHILL AVE ARLINGTON MA 02476

32-221-06 MINIOR VICTORIA K 62 OCEAN DR EAST STAMFORD CT 06902

32-221-07

PURCELL MARTIN A &

PURCELL CONSTANCE N

1708 CYPRESS TERRACE CT

WEST PALM BEACH FL 33480

32-221-08 THE LOUTH COMPANY LLC 306 PINETREE ST DUCK KEY FL 33050

32-221-09 MCSTAY ELIZABETH 4070 BARONNE WAY MEMPHIS TN 38117 32-221-11 DANGELO CHRISTOPHER 25 BOXTON DRIVE CRANSTON RI 02921

32-221-12 HABLEY ANDRA J REVOCABLE TRUST HABLEY ANDRA J-TRUSTEE 31 CODDINGTON WHF UNIT 12 NEWFORT RI 02540

32-221-13 GOSSELIN GARY G & CHARLEEN C 7 PINE TREE LANE LINCOLN RI 02865

32-221-14 STEVENS TRACY 7 THE GLADE SIMSBURY CT 06070

32-221-15 HART MATTHEW W 8 LOCKWOOD DR SCARSDALE NY 10533

32-221-16 GEORGAKOPOULOS DIMITRIOS ET ALS 66 BROWN ST WESTON MA 02493

32-221-17 MELLOR HUGH II 31 CODDINGTON WHE 17 NEWFORT RI 02840

32-221-18 RENEHAN PETER D

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August 26, 2019

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- I ask the board to deny the requested variance for room density. Maximum allowed is 91, proposed is 150. Is this the minimum variance? The request is an increase of 40% over the max allowed! That is not the minimum by any standard. Just because two buildings, with max footprints allowed can fit on this combined parcel, doesn't mean that it is appropriate for the location, the neighborhood, the city. What is their hardship? Their explanation in the application states: "requested variance...will allow for room count which makes the project economically viable". Monetary reasons are not an acceptable hardship for zoning relief. They also state the unique characteristics of the land as hardship. This parcel's characteristics may be a design challenge (which Architects face every day) but it is not a hardship. As stated in the application, the parcel is the combination of six, which encompasses over half the western portion of Waites Wharf. This parcel is gigantic compared to others in the district it is a boon, not a hardship!
- I ask the board to deny the following site items due to the extreme vehicular congestion they will cause and the interference to the public ROW:
 - Proposed three vehicular access curb cuts that are all 2-way onto West Extension Street.
 I can't wrap my head around tiny West Extension Street handling 2-way traffic with three vehicular access curb cuts.



- o Proposed one vehicular curb cut onto Coddington Wharf.
- Requested variance for direct parking on the public ROW
- Proposed two loading zones in public ROW
- Proposed loading zone on the western (water) side of the north building
- I ask the board to consider very carefully the applicant's request to use the "North Lot" and the "South Lot" for the same building use, with amenities and parking distributed between the two. Please deny the same building use on both lots. There is a description of "Mixed Use Waterfront District" in the Comprehensive Plan:

"The Mixed-Use, Waterfront land use is primarily located along the eastern side of Newport Harbor, west of Thames Street. This area is historically mixed-use and this development pattern is promoted for the future. Uses including housing, retail, offices, restaurants, boat building and repair, fish and seafood receiving, handling, and shipping are all promoted in a mixed environment with small lot sizes. Often housing and/or offices are on second or third floors with more intensive uses, such as retail or restaurants, located on the street level. The only zoning district permitted in this land use category is Waterfront Business."

Please consider the importance of truly mixed use building development. Please promote the historic mixed uses in this district as listed above and their typical location on "small lot size". Please do not allow the fabric of this district to change by the approval of large combined lots with one building use only. This will encourage proposals for out-of-scale, large building massing which will change the waterfront district forever.

In conclusion, this development is too extreme for its location. The use does not fit the district. The size, massing and number of buildings is excessive and are not in keeping with context of its location. The proposed density is too high and the proposed vehicular circulation will cause gridlock on lower Thames Street, West Extension and Coddington. Further, their single building use on combined lots ignores the very essence of what this unique district represents.

Please deny the application for Special Use permit and the Regulatory Variance.

Thank You for your time,

Stephanie Szneke

11 Everett Street

Kate W. Haakonsen 7 South Baptist Street Newport, RI 02840 (860)402-0507

October 16, 2019

City of Newport Zoning Board of Review 43 Broadway Newport, RI 04840



RE: Application of Harbour Realty, LLC

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to urge you to deny the application of Harbour Realty, LLC for a special use permit and a regulatory variance as set forth in its application on file for reasons I will explain in this letter. I am an interested party because I am the owner of a home directly behind the abutters located on the east side of Thames Street, namely 7 South Baptist Street. From the windows on the west side of my home, I have a direct view down Waites Wharf across our beautiful harbor to Fort Adams, and we enjoy the breeze which cools our neighborhood each afternoon and evening. Aside from the certain loss of our view, light and airflow, the reasons you should deny this application are many.

The Proposed Development Does Not Conform to the Comprehensive Plan
The proposed development is not in conformity with description in the
Comprehensive Plan for Newport of a Mixed-Use Waterfront district in which it is
located. Policy LU-1.4 calls for the City to maintain design standards to protect
historic structures, maintain the heritage of the community, and maintain view and
access to the harbor and waterfront areas.

The property at issue is located along the eastern side of Newport Harbor, west of Thames Street. This area is historically mixed-use and this development pattern is promoted in The Plan for the future. Uses including housing, retail, offices, restaurants, boat building and repair, fish and seafood receiving, handling, and shipping are all promoted in a mixed environment with small lot sizes. Often housing and/or offices are on second or third floors with more intensive uses, such as retail or restaurants, located on the street level. The only zoning district permitted in this land use category is Waterfront Business. A Special Use Permit is required for a transient

guest facility in this zone. A large hotel and wedding venue with extensive parking is not what is contemplated by this plan and is at odds with the existing character and mix of uses in the neighborhood. The application also seeks permission to interfere with a public right of way on the wharf by having increased parking exiting on the right of way. Although the application touts improved pedestrian access to the harbor, it will require pedestrians to make their way through the hotels rising on either side of the right of way to the end of the wharf before they can even see that the harbor is there. The development will certainly not maintain views and access to the harbor as required by Land Use Goals and Policies and will alter the balance of residential and commercial uses to the detriment of residents and even tourists seeking to enjoy open views of the water. It will not enhance and protect public access to the shoreline and waterfront around the right of way as required by Policy OSR-3.1.

The Proposed Development will not comply with the rules of the Zoning Board.

The traffic patterns existing in the area are not adequate to accommodate the proposed use. The property has one means of ingress, Thames Street, which is a one-lane road traveling only south. It is currently congested much of the time especially on weekends such that it can easily take a traveler 30 minutes or more to arrive at Waites Wharf from the Pell Bridge, a distance of about 2.5 miles. The addition of 266 vehicles (the number of requested parking spaces) would make the situation untenable for residents and visitors. Virtually all residents of Newport who live south of the proposed development also have to travel the same route and would be affected by the increased traffic. In addition, the traffic could impede access by emergency service vehicles trying to make their way down Thames Street.

The Proposed Development also has one main means of egress which would be via the narrow, east-bound residential streets south of Waites Wharf to Spring Street or Bellevue Avenue and then to Memorial Boulevard. Spring Street and Bellevue Avenue suffer from the same continual congestion as Thames Street. It is common that it takes 15 minutes to travel north on Spring Street from South Baptist Street to Memorial Boulevard in the afternoon or early evening. The volume of traffic associated with the Proposed Development would make the situation exponentially worse.

The Proposed Development will not be in harmony with the surrounding area. This is not Long Wharf or America's Cup which feature a 4-lane north-south roadway with several opportunities to change direction unlike Thames Street. The Yachting District, as the area is known, is a mix of residences, marine-related businesses and

small retail establishments and restaurants, mostly built in the 19th century. It has a quaint historic feel, not a hotel resort atmosphere. The streets running perpendicular to Thames Street are narrow residential and mostly one-way. Parking in the area is at a premium most of the year and restricted to residents during the season. Many homes have no off-street parking leaving residents to compete with visitors for spaces near their homes during the day.

The Proposed Development will not promote the stated economic development goals of the City.

There is nothing about this proposed development which will promote a robust and diverse economy or attract and grow the City's technology sector and businesses that represent new and innovative concepts and technologies. Nor will it support a more substantial year-round tourism economy. There is no evidence that Newport lacks accommodations for tourists during the off season which is what is implied by the term "year-round." Additional empty rooms in the winter months will do nothing to attract tourism. Additional congestion in season will not enhance the experience of resident taxpayers or tourists. A continual traffic jam will only serve to discourage tourism.

In addition, the months of construction this development will require will subject residents, tourists and existing businesses to major noise and traffic disruptions which are likely to put some businesses out of business. Construction vehicles will have to travel down Thames Street and up the narrow residential streets in the neighborhood interfering the normal flow of vehicles, pedestrians and, therefore, customers.

The Requested Variance increases the number of allowable rooms by 65%.

Do not make the mistake of thinking this is a request for a small increase in rooms. The 150 rooms requested amount to an increase of 65% over the number allowed. With 266 parking spaces, that provides for only 116 spaces for employees and restaurant and banquet guests who are not staying in rooms. The building height proposed appears to exceed the recent changes for maximum elevation. It will also deprive numerous existing properties of views of and breezes from the harbor which they currently enjoy. Particularly in the case of loss of views, it is likely to decrease the value of those properties for those taxpayers. No amount of "greenspace" will make up for the access to the waterfront vistas which will be blocked by this development or the increase in traffic on the only roads serving the area. Although the application fails to mention the number of guests the banquet facilities and restaurants will accommodate, it is clear that the development will be too dense

for the neighborhood and not in character with existing mixed use and should not be granted a Special Use Permit.

There is no hardship associated with the subject property which would support the requested variance.

A hardship is a condition or circumstance which is peculiar to the land and distinguishes it from other land in the same district. The applicant asserts that there is hardship created by its having acquired a number of contiguous lots on either side of the Waites Wharf public right of way. This is in no way an accident. The applicant deliberately acquired these lots over a period of time with the apparent intent of developing them as a single lot even though they were separate properties. The properties have always been located along the waterfront. The flood zone status and storm water managements characteristics of these lots can be no surprise.

The applicant implies that it has some inherent right to develop these six lots as a transient guest facility of a size and density exceeding that which is allowed and that this right is frustrated by a condition of the property. Further it claims that, in essence, a smaller less dense development more in keeping with the surrounding "rich mix of uses" would not be economically viable. Assume that means it wouldn't be profitable enough. Not being able to realize the greatest possible profit from the land does not constitute a hardship. The applicant knew what it was buying and should have known what would be the permitted uses of its purchases.

Now the applicant seeks relief from a dilemma of its own making which is inconsistent with the definition of a hardship. Thus, it would be a violation of zoning laws and regulations to find a hardship in this situation.

For all of these reasons and for the welfare of the neighborhood and the taxpayers of the city, I urge you to deny the application of Harbour Realty, LLC for its properties at Waites Wharf.

Very truly yours,

Kate W. Haakonsen

September 3, 2019

RE: Petition of Harbour Realty, LLC- Waites Wharf Zoning Application



Members of the Zoning Board:

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Office of Planning and Zoning

PEREIRA LINDA 3 GOODWIN ST NEWPORT RI 02840

DATE: 08/05/2019

Dear Property Owner:

This is to notify you as owner of property located at 3 GOODWIN ST, PLAT/LOT: 35-125-4 that the proposal listed below has been filed with the Office of Zoning & Inspections, City Hall, Newport, RI. You are being notified as an owner of property that is located within 200 ft.of the petition.

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Sincerely,

Oct 28th 1:1. 11 00

August 26, 2019

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- I ask the board to deny the requested variance for room density. Maximum allowed is 91, proposed is 150. Is this the minimum variance? The request is an increase of 40% over the max allowed! That is not the minimum by any standard. Just because two buildings, with max footprints allowed can fit on this combined parcel, doesn't mean that it is appropriate for the location, the neighborhood, the city. What is their hardship? Their explanation in the application states: "requested variance...will allow for room count which makes the project economically viable". Monetary reasons are not an acceptable hardship for zoning relief. They also state the unique characteristics of the land as hardship. This parcel's characteristics may be a design challenge (which Architects face every day) but it is not a hardship. As stated in the application, the parcel is the combination of six, which encompasses over half the western portion of Waites Wharf. This parcel is gigantic compared to others in the district it is a boon, not a hardship!
- I ask the board to deny the following site items due to the extreme vehicular congestion they will cause and the interference to the public ROW:
 - Proposed three vehicular access curb cuts that are all 2-way onto West Extension Street.
 I can't wrap my head around tiny West Extension Street handling 2-way traffic with three vehicular access curb cuts.



- o Proposed one vehicular curb cut onto Coddington Wharf.
- Requested variance for direct parking on the public ROW
- Proposed two loading zones in public ROW
- Proposed loading zone on the western (water) side of the north building
- I ask the board to consider very carefully the applicant's request to use the "North Lot" and the
 "South Lot" for the same building use, with amenities and parking distributed between the two.
 Please deny the same building use on both lots. There is a description of "Mixed Use Waterfront
 District" in the Comprehensive Plan:

"The Mixed-Use, Waterfront land use is primarily located along the eastern side of Newport Harbor, west of Thames Street. This area is historically mixed-use and this development pattern is promoted for the future. Uses including housing, retail, offices, restaurants, boat building and repair, fish and seafood receiving, handling, and shipping are all promoted in a mixed environment with small lot sizes. Often housing and/or offices are on second or third floors with more intensive uses, such as retail or restaurants, located on the street level. The only zoning district permitted in this land use category is Waterfront Business."

Please consider the importance of truly mixed use building development. Please promote the historic mixed uses in this district as listed above and their typical location on "small lot size". Please do not allow the fabric of this district to change by the approval of large combined lots with one building use only. This will encourage proposals for out-of-scale, large building massing which will change the waterfront district forever.

In conclusion, this development is too extreme for its location. The use does not fit the district. The size, massing and number of buildings is excessive and are not in keeping with context of its location. The proposed density is too high and the proposed vehicular circulation will cause gridlock on lower Thames Street, West Extension and Coddington. Further, their single building use on combined lots ignores the very essence of what this unique district represents.

Please deny the application for Special Use permit and the Regulatory Variance.

Thank You for your time,

Stephanie Szneke 11 Everett Street

Pires, Stephanie

From:

Cofield, Patricia

Sent:

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 1:30 PM

To: Cc: Pires, Stephanie Weston, Guy

Subject:

FW: Waite's Wharf Development

Hi Stephanie,

Can you send this to the Zoning Board?

Thanks,

Patti

Patricia A. Cofield
Administrative Assistant to the
City Manager and Mayor
NEWPORT CITY HALL
43 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Newport, Rhode Island 02840
pcofield@cityofnewport.com
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From: Jeanne-Marie Napolitano [mailto:jeannemarien@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 1:05 PM

To: Cofield, Patricia

Subject: Fwd: Waite's Wharf Development

Patty please see that this letter of opposition goes to the zoning commission. Thank you

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On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, John Greichen <jgreichen@gmail.com> wrote:

Jeanne Marie,

I understand the first zoning meeting on the Waite's wharf hotel development is planned for August 26. I would attend to voice my negative opinion on the requested variances, but will be away on travel. I am not sure who to contact to register my view, so am reaching out to you. I fear Newport is losing its character with the significant ongoing and proposed waterfront developments.

Thank you,

John Greichen Jr 42 1/2 Harrison Ave

Pires, Stephanie

From:

isidro.beccar@gmail.com

Sent:

Sunday, August 18, 2019 9:43 AM

To:

Pires, Stephanie

Subject:

I support the hotel project in Lower Thames

I understand that people living off trust funds or government largesse don't grasp this concept very easily, but people that don't have access to such niceties (like myself) actually want the city grow and generate jobs.

If done with proper care (which I trust City Hall will always do) I support as man job generating initiatives as possible. If people are willing to risk their capital coming here, let's make them feel welcome.

Regards,

Isidro Beccar Varela Mann Avenue



Pires, Stephanie

From:

Ben Riggs <rmcriggs@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Friday, August 16, 2019 4:31 PM

To:

Pires, Stephanie

Cc:

kate leonard; Susan Taylor; Lynn Ceglie; Justin McLaughlin; Nicholson, Joseph; Jeanne-

Marie Napolitano; Jamie Bova External; Angela McCalla

Subject:

Petition of Harbor Realty LLC

I have resided on Harrington Street in Newport for 19 years. The petition of Harbor Realty LLC regarding variances to allow the building of a hotel on Waites Wharf to be heard on Monday, August 26th at 7 PM should be denied. The reasons are as follows:

- Delivery trucks for this hotel are planned to be routed directly through Harrington Street via Kirwins
 Lane via an access road they have already planned between Waites Wharf and Coddington, with many
 transiting at 6-7 AM. This is a long time residential neighborhood. They should not be permitted to put
 a public right of way through there anyway.
- There was a serious shutdown of natural gas last Winter in Newport due to insufficient gas supplies
 and delivery infrastructure that has never been corrected. We cannot support our existing community,
 much less a single additional hotel room. As of now, National Grid has still not told the Division of
 Public Utilities what they will do to prevent similar problems in the future. We should ask this applicant
 if they have any commitment from National Grid for a gas hookup.
- This is the same applicant who unlawfully blocked public access to the waterfront area for a number of
 years, and only a protracted lawsuit by area residents and the City finally forced them to comply. They
 will very likely block access again, resulting in more lawsuits.
- This applicant has also been the subject of numerous noise complaints from neighbors over the years.
 Permitting them to create a wedding/party venue there now would increase the problems significantly.

Benjamin Riggs 15 Harrington Street Newport



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Constance N. Purcell 1708 Cypress Terrace Court West Palm Beach, FL 33411 561/333-0205

August 13, 2019

Sent via US Mail & email spires@cityofnewport.com

City of Newport Office of Planning and Zoning 43 Broadway Newport, RI 02840-2798

Re: Notice to Property Owners Within 200' Radius of 25 Waite's Wharf, 23 Coddington Wharf, et al., Newport, RI

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am in receipt of the above-referenced Notice to Property Owners. As an adjacent property owner I **STRONGLY OBJECT** to any such special use permit and/or variance to permit the demolition of existing structures and construction of a 150-room transient guest facility described in the attached notice, now or ever.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting referenced in your Notice but ask that my objection be voiced and this letter be made a part of the record of these Public Hearings.

Thank you for your kind consideration, I remain

Sincerely

Constance N. Purcell

CNP:wh

Enclosure

Pires, Stephanie

From:

Ess Bear <essbear01@icloud.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:04 PM

To:

Pires, Stephanie

Subject:

Please not another hotel!!

Dear Guy and Newport Zoning board,

Please, not another freaking hotel!!! Our updated sewerage plant cannot handle it, nor our community. What will happen to our local B & B's? They are already feeling the loss/impact from the Airbnb's taking their business and the loss of overnight stays that the yachting center used to attract. Also, do we really need another restaurant? No, we don't! It will take business away from the abundance of restaurants that are already here. Please just STOP the madness. You are directly responsible for the wellbeing of our community. We count on you to protect our immediate environment, please don't let us down again.

Sincerely, Sandy Baer

Kind regard, Sandy

Pires, Stephanie

From:

Nancy Wyatt <nancybaybreeze12@cox.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 8:25 PM

To: Subject: Pires, Stephanie

New Hotel

Hello,

I am very opposed to the new hotel scheduled to built. I believe Newport is putting money before the quality of our town. We are losing our little town to big business and the almighty dollar. Thames Street cannot accommodate the traffic associated with this proposed hotel. The new hotels going up on America's Cup are scary in size to say the least.

Please do not let the these big money out of town corporations use us for profit. They don't care about our town.

Nancy Wyatt

7 Elm Street

Waites Wharf Hotel

EXHIBIT A – Zoning Characteristics Matrix

	Existing	Required/Allowed	Proposed
Lot Size (sq. ft)	Lot 155 = 74,346 Lot 267 = 10,125 Lot 268 = 31,834 Lot 272 = 9,296 Lot 248 = 6,242 Lot 293 = 5,590	5,000	Merged North Lot = 84,471 Merged South Lot = 53,322
Lot Coverage	Lot 293 = 3,390 Lot 155 = 10.76% Lot 267 = 69.48% Lot 268 = 17.76% Lot 272 = 0.00% Lot 248 = 99.01% Lot 293 = 16.81%	40 %	Merged North Lot = 23.83% Merged South Lot = 20.37%
Dwelling Units	Lot 293 = 1 All other Lots = 0	27 (1 Dwelling/5,000 sq. ft.)	Merged North Lot = 0 Merged South Lot = 0
Parking (# of spaces)	100 +/-	264	266
Front Setback (ft.)	Lot 155 = 8.03' Lot 267 = 0' Lot 268 = 0' Lot 272 = N/A Lot 248 = 0' Lot 293 = .72'	0,	Merged North Lot = 13.97' Merged South Lot = 8.2'
Side Setbacks (ft.) West Side	Lot 155 = 0' Lot 267 = 0' Lot 268 = 78.43' Lot 272 = 0' Lot 248 = .68' Lot 293 = 69.12'	5'	Merged North Lot = 65' Merged South Lot = 25.77'
Side Setbacks (ft.) East Side	Lot 155 = 350° Lot 267 = 5.5° Lot 268 = 179.11° Lot 272 = 0° Lot 248 = .75° Lot 293 = 3.09°	5'	Merged North Lot = 61.54' Merged South Lot = 268.79'
Rear Setback (ft.)	Lot 155 = 33.05° Lot 267 = 0° Lot 268 = 1.94° Lot 272 = 0° Lot 248 = .35° Lot 293 = 18.42°	5'	Merged North Lot = 88.47' Merged South Lot = 13.70'
Height (ft.)	Lot 155 = 18' +/- Lot 267 = 22' +/- Lot 268 = 16' +/- Lot 272 = N/A Lot 248 = 19' +/- Lot 293 = 30' +/-	45' + 5' freeboard Measured from base flood elevation pursuant to Sec. 17.56.060 & RIGL 45-24-31 in effect at time of filing.	Merged North Lot = 49' Merged South Lot = 49'

Pires, Stephanie

From:

merry preston <merry.preston@cox.net>

Sent:

Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:15 PM

To:

Pires, Stephanie

Subject:

Ban on more hotels/development

AUG 2 9 2019

Hello,

I have lived in Newport for eighteen years. Many good things have happened in these years. Now there is just way too much development occurring. Newport is losing its charm and lovely seaside appeal. Please deny Waite's Wharf and any furthwer development until a more comprehensive plan is put in place. This should include utilities, water usage, sewage, traffic impacts, and shortage of gas on Island. As well as architectural design. Why are we pushing for more and more when we can not handle these issues already?

Sincerely,

Merry Preston 25 Walnut Street Newport

Pires, Stephanie

From:

Victor Melfa Jr <vmelfa@melfawm.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 26, 2019 10:36 AM

To:

Pires, Stephanie

Subject:

PLAT/LOT:35-146-3 TONITE

Importance:

High



I am a resident at 16 Coddington Wharf. If this hotel is approved it will be very intrusive to the neighbors and not safe to pedestrians. There is no way for an easement to come through to Coddington. First of all this is the city walk way with many residents and tourists walking on the sidewalk which are already very narrow and can barely get an SUV through. The traffic on lower Thames where many residents live has become unbearable already and this location is not conducive at all to any type of hotel dwelling that will have to service so many new added people and vehicles. This will no doubt hurt the real estate value of properties as well as cause a major safety hazard for pedestrians.

Hotels like this need to be away from the residents, tight streets and tourist walks within the tight streets, i.e., the casino area.

Sincerely, Victor Melfa 16 Coddington Wharf

Victor J. Melfa, Jr.

City of Newport Office of Zoning & Inspections

Abutter Letter Invoice

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Newport, RI 02840

Upon Receipt

43 Broadway

\$315.10

Name J. Russell Jackson **Address 122 Touro St** City, State Zip Newport, RI 02840

Notes Harbour Realty, LLC Waites Wharf

137	\$2.30	\$315.10
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