

Subject: Re: The Smiths Grievances regarding the Proposed Over-Extended Dock by James Bruner Docket #2020-P-W-0021
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 11:23:32 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Gary Smith
To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources), theresa.newman.@delaware.gov, Mohammed, Sascha (DNREC)
CC: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources), Newman, Theresa L (DNREC), Mohammed, Sascha (DNREC)

Dear Officials: We are expressing our objections to the above referenced application for the construction of this extremely over sized dock being reviewed by your board. We own a beach home at 1209 N. Schultz road Fenwick Island our names are Gary and Vicky Smith. Our primary concern is the applicant has proposed to construct his dock at the northern point of the Peninsula which is very shallow and very close to the channel which is a very busy area of various size of watercraft traversing causing confusion and a very dangerous environment. No one that we are aware has this size of dock along with 2 boat lifts in the town of Fenwick! This protrusion into the bay and with the amount of watercraft attempting to navigate into the channel is certainly unadvisedly to boater safety. We are members of the Fenwick Island Yacht Club are kayak frequently in these highly motorized waters. We would suggest that like all the other homes that were constructed on the west side our street have their docks on the west side with single lifts. Therefore we would support the applicant resubmit their application for a revised design on the west side of their property. Thank you.
Respectfully Gary and Vicky Smith.
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On Nov 9, 2020, at 10:06 AM, L Melvin Wright <melvinwright02@icloud.com> wrote:

RE: **Docket #2020-P-W-0021**

DNREC HEARING COMMENTS, Theresa Newman and Sascha Mohammed,

Our names are Melvin and Jacalyn Wright and we have owned a home at 1213 N Schulz Road, Fenwick Island, DE 19944 for twenty five years.

We are writing you regarding the dock that Mr. and Mrs. James Bruner want to build at the end of N Schulz Road. We understand that the proposed dock is to be "L" shaped; 13' running out from the property, 45' jutting parallel to the old property line out into Little Assowoman Bay, then add 15' for the boat lift . This will protrude into the channel 34' where the boats pass through from the properties in Fenwick Island that use it as bay access.

Mr Ed Joy, who owned the property up until the Bruners bought it, was told to fix the bulk head several years ago or it would revert back to the State of DE through DNREC. He did not make the improvements and a large portion of the lot washed back into the Bay. In short, it became property of the State of DE.

Now comes Mr and Mrs James Bruner and they want to recover this property and claim it as their own and obstruct the water way with their proposed dock.

We object strongly leasing the under water portion of the old property back to the bruners and the build of the proposed dock for the following reasons.

- The property the dock is to be built on is actually owned by the State of DE.
- The dock or pier would obstruct boaters trying to go out into the bay, which is very shallow and needs dredging. This is the only waterway they have to access the bay .
- This dock would interfere with sea and bay life, natural resources, and the overall environment in the area.
- With motor boats, jet skies, and pontoon boats coming through the channel at all times of the day and night, during the summer months especially, the protruded dock would cause a hazard and be "Life Threatening".

We ask that DNREC not approve such a dangerous over-extended pier and boat lift at this location and not to lease the underwater portion of the old property or any such dock or pier that can cause such harm to the bay and boaters in the area.

Sincerely,

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