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Application of Eric and Susan Schultz Map 107 Lot 19

To Whom it may concern,

The following references an application for a variance to build a "pole barn" for the storage of equipment at 148 Old Main Street. The request is for a reduction in the setback to 20 feet from the road. Based on the application the pole barn will be built next to the house. The building as proposed will be 29 feet long and close to 15 feet in depth. The height in the front is proposed to be 10 feet. This has always been a scenic neighborhood and the proposal will alter the character of the area.

Based on my knowledge of the neighborhood some of the homes were built in the 1800's and all are Capes and Colonials except for two homes across the street where upgrades and modernization have occurred. These changes did not affect the character of the neighborhood. Old Main still represents what you would expect with the name of the road "Old Main Street".

The proposed structure is not in keeping with the neighborhood. There are barns and garages that blend in with the charm of the neighborhood. The applicant says the stone wall will remain, as will the trees but this is insignificant screening.

It is my opinion that the values of the neighborhood will be adversely affected by the structure not being in conformity with the existing structures. The reduction in value would approach between 3 and 5 percent for the abutting properties.

Based on the standards written in the Ordinance this application does not meet the spirit of the ordinance and there will be diminished value to the abutting properties.

Sincerely yours,


George Quackenbos

Associate Broker