

To: Planning and Zoning Board

Town of Belleair

Belleair, Fl. 33756

From: John & Wendy Hail

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Ref: Public Hearing set for March 13, 2017 concerning a request for Variances at #3 Stonegate Dr., Belleair Fl. Parcel # 29/29/15/85511/000/0030.

The reason I am not able to attend in person the above hearing is due to the fact we are out of the country. We will however be home for the March 21, 2017, Town Commission hearing, and plan to attend.

First, let me make this clear, that we are against Variance #1 and Variance #2.

We have lived here for over 40 years, and I have served on various Boards. At present, I serve on the Infrastructure Board and soon the Finance Board. I consider Belleair a special place, and wish to continue the high standard of living that this community offers. I tell my friends and anyone who asks: "This is Belleair and it is different"

Living on the water for all of these years, we have seen it all. I can't tell you how many times families move on to the street and build new homes. I use to have the largest house on North Pine and now probably one of the smallest. Every newcomer says the same thing. I don't want my dock in the center of the property, because it spoils the view. I want it on the side next to my neighbor. This is wrong and that is why we have laws and guidelines concerning these issues.

The Doyle Family purchase the land years ago and developed it, knowing the grass flats would restrict any dock development for access. There is no hardship. After review of the drawings and the property, one can only determine this request skirts the law in a devious manner. Remember, the law states the dock must be is the center one third of the property. In this case, you will have a hard time seeing the house from the proposed dock site, plus an extension of 35ft. No way! This is the very reason why we have laws and regulations concerning building codes and ethics. Respect for the neighbors must be maintained.

I urge you to stand your ground and follow the rule of law that the residences of Belleair established years ago. Do not make these exceptions that in the long run will damage the quality of life and the area we call home. "Belleair" a cut above the others.

Thank you for your time and effort. As a fellow board member, I understand the complexity and pressure of your decision. The correct decision will prevail.

John Hail

2/28/2017

cc: JP & Christine (Town of Belleair)