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Wareham Planning Department
Wareham Conservation Commission
54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

To the Members of the Planning & Conservation Commission:

I recently became aware of comments mischaracterized as “testimony” (sic) and a written statement submitted to the town stating the property off County Road, commonly known as the *Whitehead Property*, is a contaminated threat to public health and a potential Superfund site. Such statements are inaccurate, fabricated, and false. So much so I felt compelled to address these mistruths and share my personal knowledge of the property.

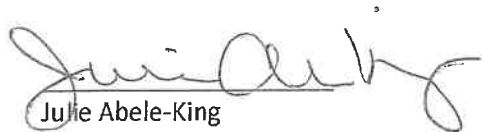
For the record, I frequented this area beginning in 1985 when my ex-husband’s parents purchased 163 Squirrel Island Road. Additionally, I resided at 163 Squirrel Island Road from 2001 until 2007. This residence is the last house on Squirrel Island Road prior to the abandoned rail line and is in close proximity to the Whitehead property, which at that time included a man-made pond, the result of earth removal and excavation activities. During this entire period, spanning three decades, I witnessed the vehicles associated with Whitehead Company use Squirrel Island Road as their access.

When Whitehead was not operating, mainly on nights and weekends, the pond transformed into a playground for my children, family, and friends, as well as other local residents. We went swimming, fishing, and enjoyed the pond for its recreational uses as well as sledding in the winter months from the mid-eighties until 2007. As such, I would consider myself a “credible eye witness”.

I attest that in the approximately 23 years described above, I was not witness to any of the conditions described in the comments (again, not testimony) of said witnesses. I never witnessed or observed evidence of “barrels”, dumped vehicles or abandoned equipment. I never witnessed any contamination or had reason to believe the area was a hazardous waste dump site. If I had an inkling of any such conditions, I would be the first to report it and would never let my children swim or play in the area.

I believe the board should be aware of these false allegations and would request the record to reflect my experience and observations.

Respectfully,


Julie Abele-King

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed the foregoing as a sealed instrument as of this 6th day of November 2023

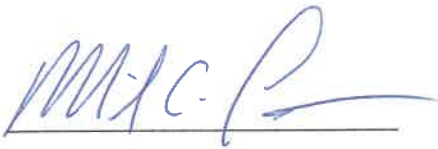

By: Julie Abele-King

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth, ss.

November 6, 2023

On this 6 day of November 2023, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Julie Abele-King, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was a Massachusetts Driver's License, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose as a voluntary act.



Michael C. Pimentel, Notary Public

My Commission expires: 1-11-24



MICHAEL C. PIMENTEL
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
My Commission Expires
January 11, 2024