

December 24, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

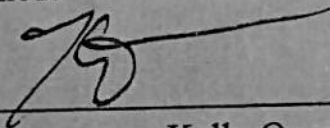
My husband and I are the former owners of the property at 47 West Central Avenue in Onset, MA and abutters of the petitioners' property at 43 South Blvd. We have known Karen DeMichele and Peter Russell for approximately ten years and **have nothing but** praises to sing about how wonderful they are as neighbors; they are kind, considerate, and keep their home beautiful.

We are familiar with the reasons for which they erected their privacy curtains and are in favor of their petition appeal allowing them to keep their curtains raised when they are on their property. Quite frankly, they have absolutely NO choice or they will be harassed and subject to the vulgarity and horrible behavior of the woman that lives behind them, Laurie Lawrence (and her family members). I have personally witnessed this disturbing and terrifying harassment, and like many others, our family has also been the subject of Laurie's harassment. In fact, one of the things we are grateful for with the recent selling of our Onset property in August is that we don't have to witness her behavior anymore and can walk out of our door without being accosted by her. No one should have to live in fear and I do not understand how Laurie has been able to get away with her behavior.

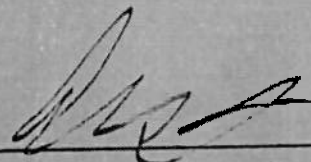
Our lots are close, that's just part of living in Onset. Privacy and safety are very important and this should be extremely important to the Zoning Board of Appeals as well. Onset is a beautiful area and we want to make sure the nature and character of the neighborhood is respected. Karen and Peter have always maintained a beautiful, meticulous property and it's a shame they have to erect curtains in order to feel safe; but the curtains are necessary for this reason. My husband and I know just about everyone in the neighborhood and if anyone comes forward to support Laurie, it's not because they are friends or truly support her, it's because they are afraid they will become her next target. I have been told this personally by several neighbors that also try to avoid her. If they want to continue living in Onset, they have to tolerate her, but no one should have to tolerate the harassment that Karen and Peter have been subjected to. Without question, we think the petition for Appeal is relevant and should undoubtedly be allowed.

Thank you,
Kelly and Scott Onanian

Signed:



Kelly Onanian



Scott Onanian

Address: 47 West Central Avenue. Onset, MA.

December 20, 2023

Wareham Zoning Board of Appeals
54 Marion Road
Wareham, Ma. 02571

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals

We own the property at 49 South Blvd and purchased our home over 40 years ago. We are located just two homes from the Petitioners property at 43 South Blvd. and have known them for several years.

We are aware of the reasons why they have found the need to erect the privacy curtains and support their right to have privacy in their own back yard when they are there. Therefore we are in favor of their petition for appeal.

As you are aware all of the lots in this area are very small and privacy is extremely important to any owner. I would hope the Zoning Board of Appeals would understand and respect that need for privacy. It is the only reason why the curtain became necessary. All of us take great pride in our neighborhood here in Onset.

We think their petition for Appeal is relevant and should be approved.

Respectfully,


Allan & Janet Fields

To Whom It May Concern,

We are the owners of the property at 45 South Blvd., Onset, MA and are direct abutters of the petitioners' property at 43 South Blvd.

Given we will be out of town at the time of the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, we are submitting this letter in support of the petition appeal request.

We have known Karen DeMichele and Peter Russell and their family for more than 60 years. Over those many years, our families have lived harmoniously in our quaint Onset Beach neighborhood.

We are familiar with the reasons for which they erected their privacy curtains and are in favor of their petition appeal allowing them to keep their curtains raised when they are on their property.

Our lots are all close in nature and we wish owners who have pride of ownership well. We also consider privacy and well-being to be of utmost concern, as we would expect them to be for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

We all enjoy the beauty of Onset and want to make sure we are respecting the nature and character of our neighborhood. We think the petition for appeal is not only relevant but important for the community and should be allowed.

Thank you,

Glenn and Lori Andrews

45 South Blvd.

Peter M. Russell

From: Peter M. Russell
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Peter M. Russell
Subject: FW: Abutter Letter

December 19,
2023

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am the owner of the property at 41 South Boulevard, Onset, MA 02558 and am a direct abutter of the petitioners' property at 43 South Boulevard, Onset.

My family has owned our property since the 1940's. We have known Karen DeMichele and Peter Russell for many years; in fact we knew Karen's parents, who lived on the property, all the way back to 1956.

I am familiar with the reasons for which they erected their privacy curtains and am in favor of their petition appeal allowing them to keep their curtains raised when they are on their property. The curtains provide privacy for family gatherings since the backyard neighbors, standing on their balcony that is only approximately 12 feet from the property line, are able to invade the privacy of the DeMichele and Russell family gatherings.

Our property lots are all very close and we wish owners who have pride of ownership well. We also consider privacy and safety to be of utmost concern, as we would expect them to be for the Zoning Board of Appeals as well.

We all enjoy the beauty of Onset and want to make sure we are respecting the nature and character of our neighborhood. We think the petition for Appeal is not only relevant but important for the community and should be allowed.

Respectfully,



Lewis C. Ferretti
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret)
P.O. Box 286
Onset, MA 02558

December 20, 2023

To: The Board of Appeals
Town of Wareham
54 Marion Rd
Wareham Ma 02571

From: Theresa O'Neill; Todd Gaines
58 West Central Ave Onset Ma

Re: Letter of Support
Peter Russell and Karen De Michèle
43 South Bend, Onset Ma

Please accept this as a letter of support for Peter and Karen's privacy curtain erected as a buffer against and deterrent toward the harassment ~~received~~ hurled at them constantly by the Lawrence family.

Since we purchased our home in 2008 we have personally witnessed the Lawrences (particularly Laurie) yell obscenities, personal insults and threats toward Michele and Peter and their family and guests.

The Lawrence's behavior is disturbing, menacing and in the past four years has become progressively worse. Their behavior isn't just relegated to Peter and Karen but also to their neighbors but the majority and most violent, has consistently been the worst to Peter and Karen. Todd and my experiences with Laurie and he is documented and on video and has been provided to Peter and Karen as support. Karen and Peter have tried to be patient and accommodating to the Lawrences to no avail. The privacy curtain is a last resort. Regards
Theresa O'Neill God & His angels bless