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**Subject:** FW: Proposed Dock on Raymond Street

**Categories:** P&Z Commission application

John,  
We just received this email, and will include it in the file and forward it onto P&Z members.

Jeremy

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**From:** Marc Heissan [<mailto:mheissan@DRWHoldings.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020 11:53 AM  
**To:** Ginsberg, Jeremy; Doneit, Fred  
**Subject:** Proposed Dock on Raymond Street

Dear Darien P&Z;

I, Marc Heissan, of 126 Five Mile River Road, Darien, CT am writing to the Darien P&Z Commission opposing the dock application for 14 Raymond Street, Darien, CT.

I've lived in Darien for well over a decade with my wife and kids. Specifically, we have paddle-boarded, kayaked (with our tandem kayaks) and swam numerous times a year in this "Tidal Lagoon" section on Five Mile River with our family and friends where this large 14 Raymond Street proposed dock is. I believe this dock would block us, the public, from navigating up and down the river and playing in the small "tidal lagoon" area. I have experienced strong currents coming down the Darien fresh-water river side of "Duck Island" after a good rain and I, nor my wife and kids, would not be able to safely navigate around the proposed dock, and maybe not even if the river water was running slow. Our kayaks don't have breaks, nor do boats, so we would be pushed into the proposed dock. The river runs so hard, we don't come down it after major storms. I'm not sure how the dock would survive after major storms, and I can see that breaking apart and causing harm as well. I have seen motor boats up in the tidal lagoon area and they too would not be able to navigate up or down the river with this dock. We swim in the section where the dock is being proposed, because it's the deepest section during low-tide and that's the only place deep enough for us all to swim. I have seen 8-12 kids from summer camps get out of their kayaks, put them on the shore during low tide to swim and play in the freshwater tidal lagoon. The fresh-water, tidal lagoon is such a small area during low-tide (and, that's the majority of the day.) I don't see how any dock should be allowed in that small of a section, unless it was sticking off shore no more than 1-2'. Not one of the other neighbors on that entire section have a dock on either side from the Bridge going up Five Mile River. I think the fishing in the tidal lagoon will be limited for the public as well. This small tidal lagoon is extremely well used by the public during low-tide, because it is so unique. I think this tidal lagoon should be protected for the public's use and not that of one private property owner. I doubt the kid's summer kayak and paddle camps know this is dock is being proposed, or you'd have a flash-mob on your hands. We need to protect this section for everyone.

Have you seen how low the water gets in the summer? It's nothing like it has been for the past 1+ months. It gets much lower and the area that you can always count on being deep enough to navigate or swim in is the section where the proposed dock is.

Doesn't the Army Corp. of Engineers have a 25%, 50%, 25% rule from mean low water? How can the dock be out so far near the island and the mean low water? Also, doesn't a new dock have to be something like 25 ft. from the property lines? The property line from Norwalk neighbor and the two on the Darien side? I thought I saw the video of the individual presenting the proposed dock in the last P&Z meeting say that the dock should not be moved down



south, because it would be more problematic and potentially causing more danger if you moved it towards the tidal plunge pool that we call a "sand-bar."

What about leaving the boat along the side where 14 Raymond Street did last summer, or use a davit like his next door neighbors has?

Thanks for your time,

Marc Heissan  
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