

Doneit, Fred

From: John Hilts <mrhilts@erols.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Doneit, Fred
Cc: Lawrence Stephens; Laura Stephens
Subject: Fwd: 14 Raymond Street's massive dock in small tidal lagoon.

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Fred,

Thank you for this. I think Mr. Hessian is confused about the address of the applicant; his focus is on 20 Raymond Street.

I should point out that, at the low tide depicted, nobody except Mr. Hessian currently can access the waterway due to the boulder dam. Also, the western stream shows white water in the video, indicative of the rocks that preclude navigation. At high tide, there will be adequate water and clearance to allow for navigation by a small boat in the western stream.

Please forward this response to the Commissioners.

Best,

John Hilts

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Doneit, Fred" <fdoneit@darienct.gov>
Subject: FW: 14 Raymond Street's massive dock in small tidal lagoon.
Date: February 21, 2020 at 12:09:30 PM EST
To: John Hilts <mrhilts@erols.com>

John,

The following narrative, attached images and video were also received and distributed to Commission members.

Fred

From: Matthew K. Heissan [<mailto:matt@heissan.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Doneit, Fred <fdoneit@darienct.gov>
Subject: RE: 14 Raymond Street's massive dock in small tidal lagoon.
Importance: High

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From: Matthew K. Heissan <matt@heissan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Doneit, Fred
Subject: RE: 14 Raymond Street's massive dock in small tidal lagoon.
Attachments: 14RSnotLowTide.jpg; DuckIslandInTidalLagoon.jpg;
14RaymondMap12JacobDuckIsland.png

Importance: High

Fred,

You mentioned an "overlay" of the two maps. I want to make sure that the P&Z commission knows that 20 Raymond Street's map/survey of the island is of the MHW line, and Not of the MLW line. Army Corp. of Engineer's 25%, 50%, 25% rule is off mLw, not mHw. 14 Raymond Street's application doesn't show Duck Island at all, nor do they show MLW from the Norwalk side. I'm not sure if they show it from he Darien side either.

Here are two pictures. One was taken today from inside my house at 12 Jacob St. in Norwalk, that's not at low tide, but it will show you how far Duck Island comes down. The other was from a neighbor last week.

I looked at David's Map, 20 Raymond St. and 14 Raymond's map...it looks like Duck Island's MLW comes down to 14 Raymond Street's property line, and maybe in it. That's what I can depict from my 12 Jacob Street's Map as well. I will attach part of my map that shows several points of the water's edge, and they are all from above MLW. It makes me believe that Duck Island extends about 20' further down to hit mLw from the pictures I am taking and what I can tell from the maps.

We will not be able to navigate from Norwalk side to Darien side in our vessels if this dock is approved, or vice-versa.

I want Darien P&Z to understand that we can't navigate up the Norwalk side of the island the vast majority of the day, because it's SO shallow and has lots of boulders (video link below.) The Darien side of the island is the side overwhelmingly used, and this will be blocked by the proposed dock and their boat. Also, the public and I won't be able to boat, kayak, paddle board, or swim over to my Darien neighbor's house being built next to the dock applicant if this dock is approved, because it's blocking navigable waters; regardless if he or I want to go up or down the river. The Army Corp of Engineers has a 25%, 50%, and 25% rule from MLW. The applicant is not going off the island, because he doesn't show it, and is going from across the river from the Norwalk side (even though those numbers aren't shown either by the applicant. I just got off with DEEP and they have not had time to look into this yet to respond.

I just took this video. If you look at this video, you should see that I now can take my 10' wide boat, or my 17' long kayak, or I can even swim to 20 Raymond Street's property to the right of 14 Raymond Street. The proposed dock will prevent me and the public from doing that. My boat will not be able to go across the river with my guests to visit David at 20 Raymond Street if this dock is approved. Nor will we be able to go up river to our other neighbors on the Darien side, or vice-versa. This will be the same for the public.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Vv3ZRCLmkjacDC4aA>

With the proposed dock, how am I, or the public, going to take my 17" kayak and come down the river and make the turn around the dock. I don't think it's possible, nor could I then be able to turn my vessel around, but I could if the dock wasn't there, so I could get into the mouth of the Tidal Lagoon and turn around. This is very troublesome and potentially dangerous for the public. I am deeply concerned. If approved, are signs going to go up telling people not to come down past Duck Island, or they could get caught, and maybe pushed up against the dock with no outlet? You might think I am joking, but I am not. Have you seen the velocity of the water that comes down the side of the island and opens up into the tidal lagoon...but will now dump into the dock and you can't navigate your vessel around.

My attached 14RaymondMap12JacobDuckIsland.png is the best I can do to show you how far down Duck Island and the MLW line come extends down. I hope it helps.

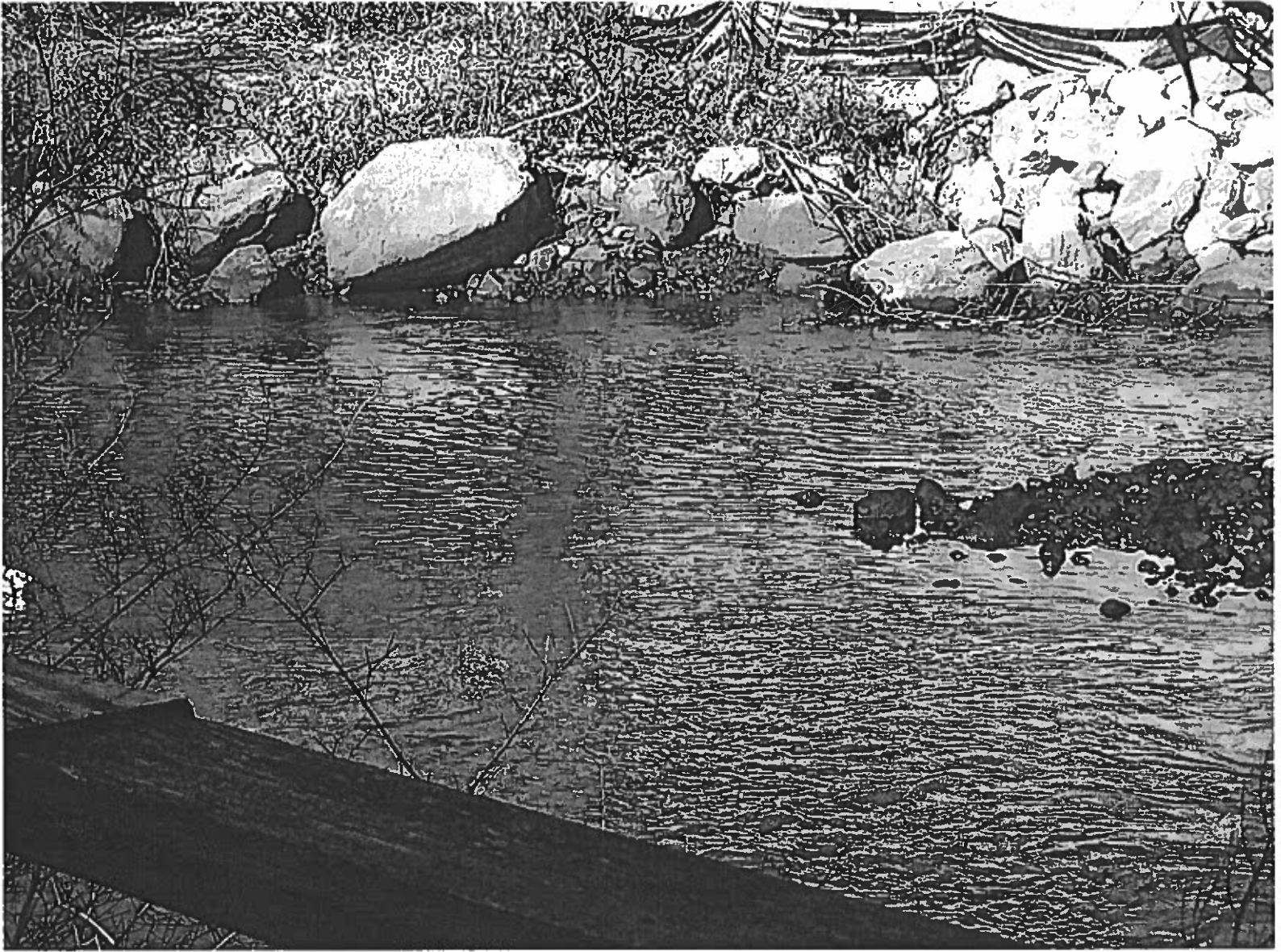
Also, the 14 Raymond Street's professional said, "Absolutely, Not!" to the Darien P&Z committee when asked if the dock could be moved south, down river, and I fully agree with what he said.

What is wrong with only approving the 4' x 8' Timber Platform that extends out about 2'? Tide will come up and they can take their boat out. Or, is that too dangerous as well?

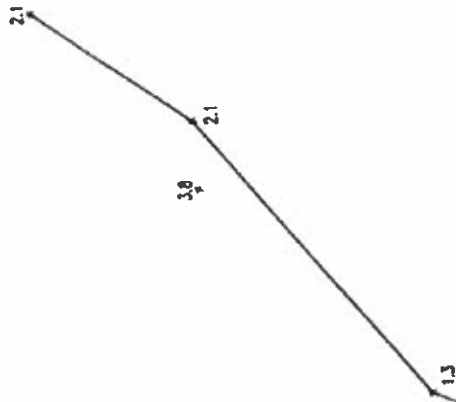
Thanks for your time.

Matthew Heissan





14 Raymond



COASTAL JURISDICTION LINE
"CJL"
ELEVATION 5.4 (07/2014)

"Duck Island" Edge
of Water

That green dot is about where the rocks on Duck Island come down to in the picture that's attached. It might be about MLW there.

