

October 6, 2022

To MVC Commissioners:

I am unable to attend the hearing later today regarding the Safe Harbor Marina expansion but offer this letter in opposition to the project. I am a year-round resident and waterfront property owner on Lagoon Pond. I am a member of the Board of the Lagoon Pond Association but write to you as a private citizen.

From observations during my 3 years of living on the pond, I am most concerned about the boat traffic, but primarily it is the "SPEED" of the boat traffic and resulting wake the boats produce (especially on sharp turns while tubing) that wreak havoc on the bottom of the Lagoon. When the wake comes ashore as a 1' to 2.5' sea, the lagoon bottom becomes so silty that you can not see the bottom for a distance of 75' from the shore. This silt then settles in the evenings burying everything that lives on the sea floor. It is an unnatural condition. The distance between the East and West shores of Lagoon Pond in the Southern portion of the pond are short enough that even in hurricane force winds, we don't experience waves of this height.

It is my belief that increased boat storage at Safe Harbor Marina will mean more unchecked boat speed and wakes in Lagoon Pond where there is no enforcement of the no wake policy within 150' of moored boats or the shore.

Thank you for your consideration.

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