PO box 234 West Tisbury. MA 02575 May 30, 2023

West Tisbury Planning Board PO BOX 278 1059 State Road West Tisbury. MA 02575

## REFERENCE:

- bangs narritive and locus.pdf
- lacktriangler | bangs subdivision plan.pdf

## Dear Planning Board:

I wish to respectfully ask the planning board not to allow any subdivision for the above referenced property.

The proposed subdivision affecting Old Coach Road caused dismay in our neighborhood and 25+ year-round residents met at the entrance to the proposed property at 5.30 pm on Monday May 22, 2023, to express their concerns., and to voice their legitimate opposition to a plan that will profoundly affect their neighborhood.

It appears that access to the proposed subdivision will be off Old Coach Road, part of which was an Ancient Way, a protected road. This protected portion of the road has been reduced in size to almost a meaningless portion. It is a gift from the Town of West Tisbury that allows us to enjoy these Ancient ways and footpaths without sharing the road with noise, vehicles and traffic. This protected road is used by all who live in Island Farms for walks with children and dogs in safety and we are all very appreciative of the action of the Town of West Tisbury in preserving Ancient Ways that honor our history and heritage.

We wish to give full recognition to the West Tisbury Bylaws Committee for attempting to protect Ancient Ways and footpaths for walkers and for future generations. I am sure this subdivision will destroy their hard work, hope and optimism in attempting to preserve historical paths.

The ramifications of this subdivision will destroy any remaining hope of preserving the ancient ways and access to footpaths in this neighborhood. I hope my letter helps the planning board in making a decision that will affect the safety and health of Island Farms and will protect the designated Ancient Way from destruction so it can be enjoyed for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
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