

September 21, 2017

Ashland Zoning Board,

My intention in this note is to ask the board to consider the following when making a decision in the special permit matter for 10 Washaukum Ave.

- Keep in mind the current character of the neighborhood.
- Follow our current by-laws.
- Maintain the affordability of housing in our neighborhood. Please remember that not everyone wants a huge house. Some of us may not be able to afford a huge house but some of us might not want the financial burden of owning a huge house because the preference might be lay in traveling or elsewhere.

Know that we are a diverse and close-knit neighborhood that welcomes anyone that would like to move into it; all I'm asking and I believe that most neighbors do is that the character of the neighborhood is respected and the town laws are followed.

On another note, please consider the long-term burden that a house much larger than the norm for this neighborhood would cause. Traffic; difficulty in the ability to sell to another single family, and the possibility of someone buying to turn into a condo, bringing in a bigger burden. These are just a few issues that could bring a negative impact to our neighborhood.

Please keep the big picture and the current by-laws in mind.

I appreciate your time and dedication,

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