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323 BURTON HWY

As an abutter to the property, I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed zoning change of this property under Section 6.6.1, particularly as it relates to access and safety issues associated with the shared driveway serving the property.

The driveway is a single-lane, shared access that is already in serious disrepair, in part due to the construction of the house, barn, and dressage arena at 325. Changing the zoning could encourage increased traffic on a driveway that is steep, has poor visibility, and offers no safe location for vehicles to pull over in the event of oncoming traffic. These conditions already present safety concerns for residents and visitors and would likely be made worse by additional traffic.

Prior to the sale of the home at 325, <sup>BURTON HWY</sup> we raised our concerns with the previous owner about the deteriorating condition of the driveway and the impact that construction activity was having on it. Despite those concerns being communicated at that time, no repairs or improvements were made.

The existing pavement is deteriorating, sections are lifting, and the driveway base appears to be undermined. Large potholes are forming along the surface, creating additional hazards for vehicles using the driveway.

There is also no practical way to widen the driveway to safely accommodate additional traffic. One side of the driveway drops off into the canal, while the other side abuts a steep hillside with a drainage ditch. These physical constraints significantly limit the ability to improve the driveway to safely handle increased use.

If the proposed zoning change would allow increased or commercial-level traffic to access the property, the driveway should be required to meet appropriate commercial access and safety standards capable of safely supporting that level of use, including consideration of safe vehicle passing and emergency vehicle access.

Given these conditions, I respectfully request that the board require a formal review of the site access and traffic impacts before approving any zoning change. If additional or commercial use is permitted, appropriate improvements to the driveway should be required to ensure the access is safe and adequate for the level of traffic that would result.