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Planning Board Meeting, April 28, 2022

More than once, the Planning Board has heard about the history of development along Turkey Shore Road. We are a neighborhood that knows its history. The fact is, residents have lived on the street for 20, 30, 50+ years.

So, many of us have seen and experienced the growth on Turkey Shore. And, yes, we concur with the town when describing our road as “densely built” – the town’s words, not neighborhood hyperbole. Now, Turkey Shore is being asked to absorb the next generation of in town development – the building of new detached accessory dwellings on single lots.

As you all know, this is the first new build accessory dwelling unit under the new bylaw, so this is precedent-setting. I have no doubt that this will prompt further development on Turkey Shore Road. And while some may not agree now, it will, eventually, change the character of this neighborhood.

In looking at the criteria the board will be reviewing in making their determination, I’d like to focus on section II. A. criteria 3 Traffic flow and safety, including parking, loading

Speeding cars and trucks are a daily occurrence on Turkey Shore Road. Everyone in the neighborhood knows this. We are also aware of the blind spots and multiple driveways along the road.

Visibility is part of the safety equation for Turkey Shore Road. For this reason, the east side of Turkey Shore, from Poplar to Woods Lane falls under "Prohibited Parking on Certain Streets" in the Ipswich Traffic Rules and Regulations (Article 5, section 4.z).

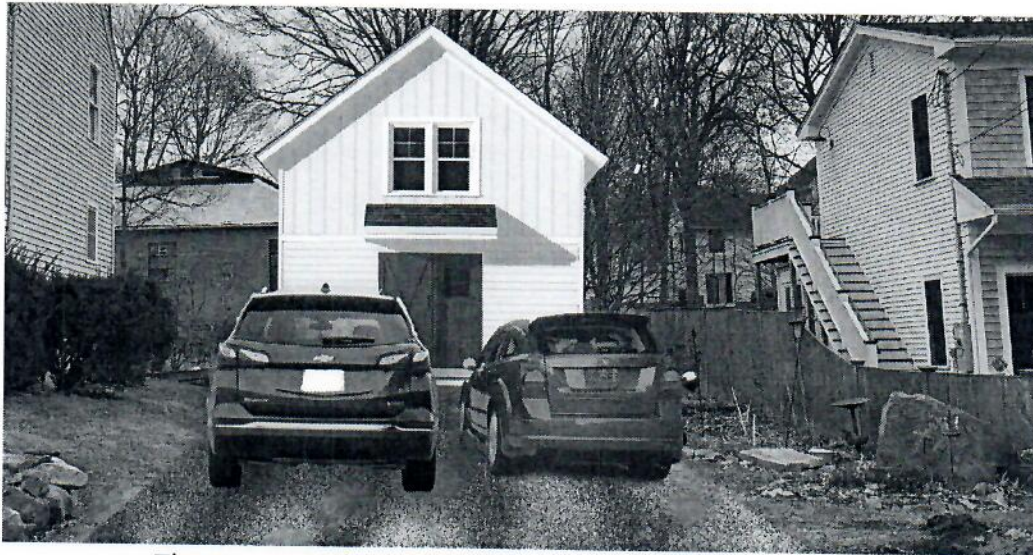
5-7 Turkey Shore Road is on the east side of the road. Adding a new residence on the east side will increase the number of cars. And while two cars may seem trivial, there’s no doubt it will add to the car activity and parking on the street, by owners or guests.

Additionally, the town installed a Children caution safety sign between 3 and 5-7 Turkey Shore, facing northbound traffic. As happens daily, cars turn on to Turkey Shore from Poplar, often speeding; this sign was installed as a caution to be mindful of children.

Traffic flow and safety are real concerns on Turkey Shore Road. The town already has reasons to control motorists by putting in road safety measures to address the volume of traffic that travels this road. Adding a new residence at an active end of the road is concerning.

Regarding parking, the proposed number of cars at 5-7 Turkey Shore is 6: 2 on the left side of the two-family and 4 on the right side (2 in tandem and 2 in front of the new building).

The image provided earlier showed one car in front of the new building. I'd like to share that same image with two cars as more representative of what the driveway would look like.



The purpose of this image is representative, not to scale.

There wasn't enough driveway in the image to show where the other two cars would be parked, but they would be tandem, behind the two cars shown. Four cars, in this configuration, in one 18' driveway seems tight. Additionally, extreme caution would be needed when leaving this active driveway given its proximity to Poplar.

I'm also concerned about parking as it relates to Guideline 3 under section D- Guidance for Determining if Special Permit Criteria Have Been Fulfilled for Certain Uses; *"As a general rule, on-site parking areas should not be situated in front of principal buildings viewable from the frontage street."* Parking for this accessory unit is situated in front of the building, and with two designated spots at 9' wide each, the cars will fill the driveway.

Please consider traffic flow, safety and parking when making your determination for this project.

Thank you.