

To: The Select Board of the Town of Harpswell

Date: January 10, 2024

We the undersigned, voters and residents of Harpswell, oppose any development by the town or any other entity, of the 18-acre state property off Allen Point Road referred to as the Clark's Cove property. Developing this property is:

- Counter to good environmental stewardship and violates numerous conservation statutes
- Violates town's proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to protect bird and wildlife habitat
- Is in a neighborhood where residents walk, ride bikes, walk with children and visit neighbors that is already endangered by speeding drivers. More traffic will increase this hazard

All abutting property owners are opposed to this project. We see the problems that residents of Stover's Cove & Giants Stairs already suffer from such development in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

This acreage is wildlife habitat that nature has done a fine job of managing for 50 years without human interference. Its upper half is a breeding and nesting site for hundreds of protected ground-nesting birds, while its lower half is a feeding and staging area for equally protected migratory birds.

We already have 16 public hiking trails, 11 public landings and 216 miles of shoreline in Harpswell. Almost all our roads run along or end at the water. We don't need another parking lot and trail that will damage wildlife habitat or degrade a neighborhood. This won't provide water access to anyone who doesn't already have it, tourists included. There is no upside to this project.

We encourage town government to pursue projects with real benefits:

- Fishermen need lobster trap storage areas
- We have roads that are underwater at high tide
- Speeding on Rt 24 is out of hand
- A sidewalk along Basin Point Rd would let locals stroll outside without dodging cars
- Our boat landings have little or no parking and nowhere to park trailers
- The docks and other approved work at Mitchell Field is still not being completed

We have many legitimate needs in town—and a parking lot on Allen Point Road is not among them.

The Clark Cove property is a healthy eco-system mainly due to lack of human presence or interference. Nature has done a fine job of managing this piece of land for 50 years; development is the worst thing that could happen to it. One parking lot and trail will not affect the average resident one bit, but this project will harm a neighborhood and impact the quality of life for all who live nearby. Does every piece of land need to be developed? Can't we just appreciate what we have without interfering with it? Please hear us and discontinue any plans to develop this property. Don't pave paradise and put up a parking lot.

Respectfully,

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*Adam Leclair* Adam Leclair 317 Allen Pt. Rd. 2/2/24  
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<i>Linda Roesler</i>	LINDA ROESLER	15 DEREK WAY	3/5/24
<i>J-Anne Wallace</i>	J-Anne Wallace	13 Samborn Road	2/5/24
<i>Evan B. Carson</i>	EVAN B CARSON	68 Fishers Rd	2/6/24
<i>Jeff Morrell</i>	JEFF MORRELL	967 Harpswell Neck	2/9
<i>Stephanie Morrell</i>	STEPHANIE MORRELL	967 Harpswell neck	2/9
<i>Rhonda Weston</i>	Rhonda Weston	13 Green Meadows Rd	2/15
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<i>Corina Tanguay</i>	Corina Tanguay	259 Allen Pt Rd Harpswell, ME	1/24/24
<i>Diane S. Murphy</i>	Diane Murphy	Marshwood Way Harpswell Me.	1/31/24
<i>Mark A. Brown</i>	Mark Brown	Marshwood Way	1/31/24
<i>Merrilee (Lee) Jones</i>	MERRILEE (LEE) JONES	1831 HARPSWELL NECK RD	2/2/2024

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Gail Guerra Gail Guerra 32A Thorburn Lane. Harpswell

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October 7, 2023

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the town 10/9  
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Dear Select Board and Town Lands Committee:  
Kevin E. Johnson – Chairman  
David I. Chipman  
Jane G. Covey  
Town Lands Committee Chair

Subject: Proposed Partnership for Public Access to Clarks Cove

Attachment: Resident Family Signatures of Opposition and Concern

Dear Committee Members:

My husband and I are from Maine and have lived on Morse Shore Road for 20 years. We are full time residents and love Harpswell for the beauty it offers everyone. We are writing this letter on behalf of the many neighbors and community residents that strongly oppose the development of State Property along Clark Cove for the purposes of public recreation, parking, water access, and trails.

This stretch of 18 acres (rocky beach, narrow stretch, muddy, and not flat) is the home of amazing wildlife and the nesting and migration path for birds including Canadian Geese and uncommon birds we have listed below. Any development through these wetlands, woods, brush, creek, and shorefront will disrupt their natural habitats. The narrowness of the site leaves no-where for wildlife to relocate in this area.

The following birds are known to be residents of this state land. They make their homes in the brush, wetlands, and Fields of this proposed development:

The Bobolink  
The Glossy Ibis  
Great Blue Heron  
American Woodcocks  
The Northern Harrier  
Bald Eagles  
Common Nighthawk  
The Black Billed cuckoo  
The Snowy Owl

Including more common birds: Robins, Chickadees, Osprey, Gulls, Woodpeckers, Red-Winged Blackbirds, Owls, and more.

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