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Jenale,

Thank you for e-mailing a copy of the document my husband signed regarding the variance(s) for 5005 Dora Drive indicating his approval. My husband stated that when he signed this "approval" he had not seen the house plans that were set forth at the meeting on 3/3/25. In fact, we did not see the house plans until 3/11/25. If he had seen the house plans he would have never signed this document. He made the assumption that Mr. James was going to build a big house, but one in keeping with those around Lake Ola. He stated to James at the time, "I don't care what you do on the property as long as it does not negatively impact my property or the lake in any way." My husband has expressed to me that he signed that document with the intention of fostering goodwill between neighbors and now he feels as if he was misled and taken advantage of. I have placed a call to Christine Moore's office and left message on Ms Marsh's voicemail expressing my objection to the variances proposed by Mr. James. The house that he is planning to build does not fit with the community. I'm concerned about the impact the drainage/run-off is going to have on the Lake, which is already suffering and even more-so after the last hurricane. Im concerned about the impact his house is going to have on our property values and property taxes. I'm concerned about the impact his house is going to have on the wildlife in the area, specifically the waterfowl and the Osprey nest which borders his property.

Furthermore, James has contacted us offering to pay for a new well for us and to have it moved stating, "I know that we are OK with limits (distance from lateral/septic/well) but I don't want there to be a question and want to err on the side of caution."

My family has been on this property since the early 1950's. I spent my childhood swimming in Lake Ola every day, fishing in the Lake. I used to swim over to "Aunt" Nancy and "Uncle" Roy Ellis's beach and feed the fish with clams from the Lake. My family has had many family reunions on the shores and hope to have many more enjoying the purity, beauty, and peaceful serenity it offers.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Wallis  
Daughter of Marjorie R. Grinnell  
Granddaughter of Charles E. Grinnell, Sr.