

Thursday, June 18, 1981

Icehouse Proposal, Continued:

it's economically impossible to do it peacemeal," Pyne said. "Banks don't want to see it done one unit at a time. We are talking about a building that exists, a building many call a monstrosity.

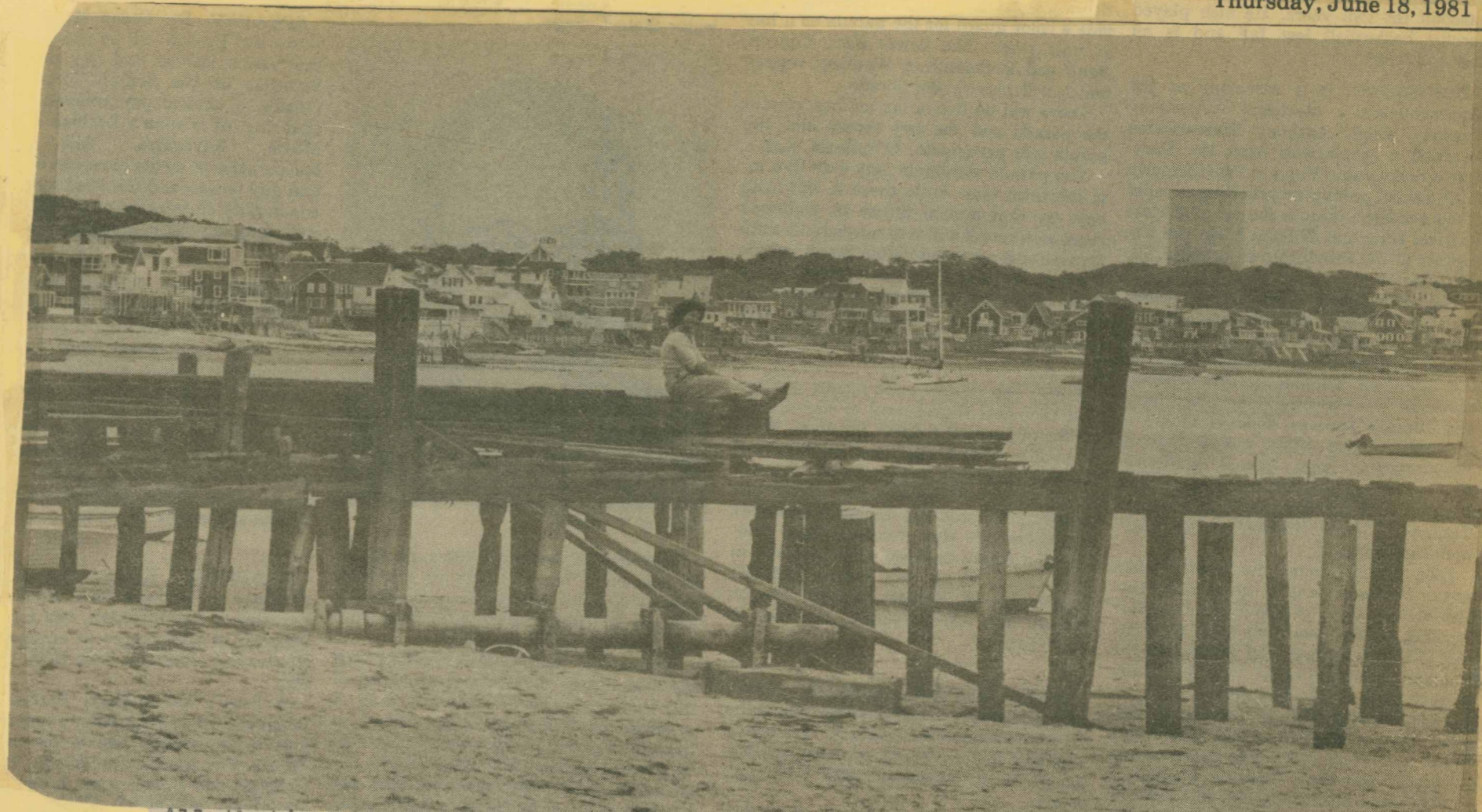
"This is about as unique a building you will ever find," he continued. "If you don't tear it down, it will stand there as a menace, a nuisance and a foul ball to the taxpayers."

Realator Pat Schultz, pointing out she has no business connection now with Ross's project, urged the board to grant the variances.

"The town has already lost hundreds of thousands of dollars not having it on the tax roll. All over town, I see buildings on substandard lots," she said. "I've seen more than 20 units put in since these zoning changes took effect. This is a man who has spent thousands in litigation with the town and the taxpayers have too, and as I see it, no one has won."

The only costs of the project to the public would be the costs of garbage disposal and water supplies, she said, noting "we're all metered" for every gallon of water used.

Ross, she said, "will be giving you a Title 5 septic system and there are maybe 15 of those in town. I think this man's been put through enough. Open your eyes to a plan like this that, to me, would be a Godsend to the town," she said.



All that's left of the old Eastern Cold Storage; also known as the Consolidated Weir Co.

Advocate photo: by Susan Seligson



Another view of the remains, facing West - Aug. 1981