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Subject: Rebuttal to a Comment From 12/20/23 ZBA Meeting
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Michael, your email was the only email listed on the ZBA website page so I sent this email to you to forward to the ZBA. Thank you in advance for forwarding the following email. - ME Kennedy

ZBA Board,

There was a comment made during the 12/20/23 ZBA meeting that the abbutters of 47 Main Street need to stop asking for things from the applicant because it is going to increase the rent the applicant charges the tenants of 47 Main Street. I am confused. As far as I am aware, we have asked for the following:

1) That the applicant move the project. We were told (by the applicant) the applicant would not move the project.

2) We asked that the size and scope of the project be reduced. The applicant said he would not change the size and scope of the project.

3) We asked that the roof-line and the facade be changed to be more in line with the historical district it is located within. The applicant said he would not change anything in regards to the roof-line or facade.

4) We asked for the hydrogeological test. Again, the applicant said he would not conduct the hydrogeological study.

Unless I am mistaken, these are the only things the abbutters as a group have asked for and all have been refused.

Yes, the applicant has met with individual abutters and said he would look at their concerns. As of today's date I am not aware of any specific commitments made nor would I be involved with those issues.

I do realize that a peer-review was requested of the applicant. This request was made by the ZBA. My understanding is that the peer-review is to protect the town (and as a by-product, the residents). However, it was not asked for by the abbutters. Also, there was a request for a traffic study to be conducted at Fiske Ave, however, that was at the request of the Peer Review and the Police Dept.

The requests the abbutters are making are not out of the ordinary, nor are they out of line. We are trying to protect our assets (our homes) and our quality of life.

Regards,
Mary Ellen Kennedy