

Public Comments

Jo Bennett

From: Dianne Zolotow <diannezolotow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 11:12 AM
To: HARC
Subject: 732 Poorhouse Lane

Our small neighborhood is a delightful blend of small-scale one- and two-story houses. As your own staff notes, this proposed renovation exceeds the scale of the existing house. It also seems to come too close to property lines. In addition, construction on this scale will require numerous trucks and increased traffic through Butler Park and its child- and dog-friendly playground, not to mention a huge increase in nonresidential parking on the already congested tiny 700 block of William Street. I urge HARC to veto these plans.

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Sent from my iPad

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From: Brewster Chamberlin <chamberlinkw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 10:44 AM
To: HARC
Subject: 732 Poorhouse Lane

Dear Board Members:

You have before you a request to approve major changes to the building at 732 Poorhouse Lane. Your staff analysis recommends HARC deny the request and presents valid, understandable and appropriate reasons for this action. I live around the corner from the site in question and I fully agree with the staff's recommendation. We live in a quiet neighborhood of small houses on narrow lanes. The requested changes would, if approved, disrupt the neighborhood in a variety of ways, most importantly they would radically alter the nature of neighborhood by creating a structure far out of proportion with our houses.

I urge the board to live up to its purpose and goal, namely to protect the historic integrity of Old Town. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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From: Lynn-Marie & Brewster <sunrisedriven@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 10:15 AM
To: HARC
Subject: 732 Poorhouse Lane

Dear Commissioners,

I've looked at the plans for the large renovation at 732 Poorhouse Lane, and I've read the staff analysis. I live around the corner on William.

I have to agree with your staff analysis, and hope you will follow their recommendation. This is a neighborhood of essentially small houses. As new people move in and buy the smaller houses they often want to build their large dream house. But as your staff points out, the proposed design for 732 Poorhouse Lane "will have proportions that are out of scale with the historic house." And, "the proposed design fails to meet many of the guidelines, particularly the relationship of mass, proportion, and scale with the original historic house." Please, let's keep this lovely historic area the way it is, don't make exceptions for one house, as others will certainly follow.

Thank you,
Lynn-Marie Smith
712 William St.