

100 Fore Street - Hamilton Marina/Xpress Copy Building

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My vote is that the Zoning height waiver be NOT given.

We have zoning rules and regulations for reasons. One is to maintain some sort of cohesiveness to the surrounding area. Also to maintain similar height and mass restrictions.

I think it's time to reassess the need or desire to clog some of our most desirable land areas with parking garages. I would suggest this parking garage and future parking garages be located nearer to the 'gateways' to our city and then public transportation used to move about the city. This could do a lot to alleviate congestion in the city overall and in this case the immediate neighborhood and Munjoy Hill. When BIW was operating there were certain times of day when getting through nearby intersections, Congress-Mountford in particular, was next to impossible. Many vehicles ignored the lights and continued through the intersections as a train might. When the rush was over then back to normal. I fear that if we continue to add to the number of vehicles rushing through our neighborhood it will only get worse. It really is time to give the 'locals' safety concerns a priority over providing 'dead zones' when there could be more suitable alternatives if you applied some logical thought processes about what kind of city we really want. Haven't we done many studies about transportation viabilities in Portland. Why do we spend money on these studies if we don't learn anything or enact some of the recommendations?

Sincerely,
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