
Fwd: Submission for HP Board meeting tonight - 37 Montreal Street

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Dear Deb -

Attached please find my comments for the Historic Preservation Board in connection with tonight's public hearing. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for me to be at the meeting in person this time. Can you please forward these comments to the members of the Board so that they might have the chance to read them before tonight's hearing?

As stated in the submission, this is a very important decision for the Board. The project is clearly and obviously too big and too institutional for this neighborhood. The applicant has had three tried to revise the scale to make it more compatible. Enough.

Oversight of applications under the demolition ordinance and under the alternative design review were placed within the jurisdiction of the HP Board because the City Council had confidence that that Board would have the independence and sensitivity to architectural integrity to protect the fragile fabric of the Munjoy Hill neighborhood. This is the opportunity for the Board to show that the confidence of the City Council was not misplaced. On the other hand, if the Board grants the application, even "conditionally," it will be a sign to the waiting developers that it is open season on the Hill.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation,


Sincerely,

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