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Subject: FW: [Ext][Newburyport MA] 12 Harrison Street (Sent by Mary Gene Clavin, mgclavin@gmail.com)

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To: Katelyn E. Sullivan

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Hello kesullivan,

Mary Gene Clavin (mgclavin@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/user/3863/contact>) at Newburyport MA.

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Message:

Dear Mr. Richards,

We are reaching out to you as concerned residents of Harrison Street in Newburyport. We are aware of the issues surrounding the renovation of 12 Harrison Street, have attended meetings and listened to Zoom calls and are now asking for your leadership.

It appears that there are 2 issues at hand, one regarding extensive demolition and the other regarding historical value of the home in the city.

When the home was listed, we toured 12 Harrison with an interested to purchase and felt that the extensive work required to make the home and outbuildings structurally sound was beyond our abilities. It was in desperate need of a major overhaul. We also saw the the historical value was likely limited as the home had been renovated many times over the years by a hobbyist, not a professional. We know that there had been fires in the home as well. Many people toured the home and the Gray's were the only true bidders. During their approval process, we reviewed the design plans online and attended Zoom calls and know that the Gray's made the concessions that were requested by your committee. Residents of our neighborhood were prepared to welcome a beautiful, renovated, garrison style home that reflected the original structure.

It is our understanding that the Gray's found extensive rot and damage as their project began. We see this occur all over the city, particularly in the South End. It seems that a punishment to the Gray's to halt their project for potentially 3 years is a punishment to those of us who live here. We support the City's due diligence and recommendations to preserve historical buildings when possible. In this case, rotted siding, sills and water damaged walls would have no benefit to the City or the Gray's in any way. As far as we know, the end product, a renovated garrison home built according to approved design has not changed.

We ask that you consider those living next to 12 Harrison and all who travel the heavily used rail trail. The building is now an eye soar and is potentially dangerous.

Thank you for your time and work that you do on behalf of Newburyport.

John and Mary Gene Clavin
8 Harrison Street