



December 3, 2020

By Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

Glenn Richards, Chair
Newburyport Historical Commission
City of Newburyport
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950

Re: Request for Demolition Permit;
3 Hancock Street, Newburyport, MA (the "Property")
Assessors Map 25, Lot 35

Dear Chair Richards and Members of the Board:

Reference is made to the above-captioned matter. In that connection, this firm represents James Bourque Construction, Inc., the owner of the Property, who seeks to renovate this pre-existing non-conforming home. When the Applicant last appeared before the Commission on November 12, the Commission offered suggestions and requested modified plans regarding the window shape, location, and relationship to the roofline.

On November 23, the Applicant submitted updated plans reflecting the requested changes. Pursuant to a subsequent request from the Planning Department, the updated plans have been further modified to reflect a new calculation of demolition area which now includes windows. While we don't agree with the Department's interpretation that windows be included in area of demolition, we did include the requested calculations on the enclosed plans. Even with this interpretation, the area of demolition remains under 25%.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-463-7700 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted
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By its Attorneys,

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