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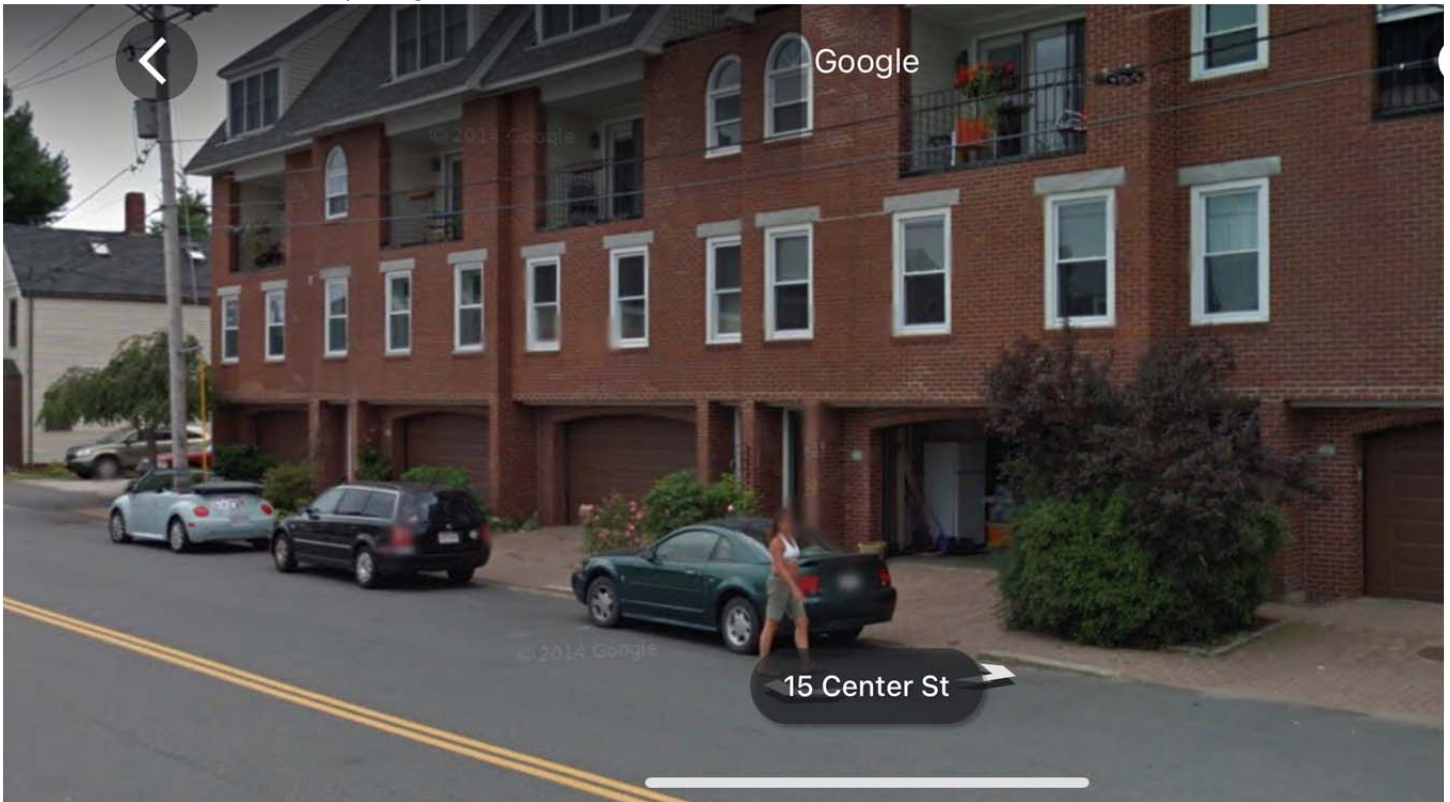
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Hello -

My name is Micah Donahue and I have been a close neighbor at 16 Olive St for over 13 years.

I write today to protest the inaccurate measurements (or inadequate space allotted) for the development's proposed 2 parking areas on Russia St. Much emphasis was given in Ms. Mead's presentation of 11/23 to these spaces, said to offer off street parking for 4 cars. I applaud this effort, as street parking on Olive is TOUGH.

However, as I questioned in public comments*, the 9'x18' spaces listed on the plans are sufficient for 1 car, not two. Since even a Honda Accord is 6' wide X 16' long, please tell me how 2 cars would fit in each spot?

I also write to protest the additional curb cuts needed for these lots, however wide they may truly be. Our city's ordinances require the DPW director's approval for any curb cuts to avoid chopping up our sidewalks. Let the state of the sidewalk in the attached photo of the units near 15 Center St serve as a warning — this area is unsightly and even dangerous to walk past. Please consider our city's recent curb cut ordinance in determining whether to grant this permit.

We hope you will continue to deny this permit for so many reasons, including mine above.

*This question was not answered in the hearing so I write to bring the ZBA's attention to it. If such basic inaccuracies exist in the plan, how can we trust that other calculations such as lot coverage or historic wall coverage are done correctly? I fear we cannot.

Thank you,
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