

Zoning Board of Appeals
City of Newburyport
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Re:2021-44 -SPNC-22-24 Olive Street

I am responding to Mr Sarkis's letter to your board dated Dec30,201.

- 1) I quote "the openness and line of site created by the removal of the existing fence and outbuildings. When removed additional 25' of front yard will be exposed for the entire length of Russia Street frontage". That is if one ignores the loss of space taken up by 4 parked cars. More importantly "openness and lines of site" are rather rudely decimated by a two story entire house, penetrating the back yard even further by the inclusion of the hyphen. It is of a mass that makes the fencing and outbuildings seem preferable.
- 2) Again I quote. "Much of the housing stock is generally old, ready for updating and owned by an aging population". I am this aging population, own an old house for 50 years, but updated and added 180 sq ft 4 years ago. It was done appropriately, did not impact my neighbors or the look from the street. My neighbor next door and directly across the street have as well modestly expanded and improved their houses. My point is our street is far from " a living museum or frozen in time". Our street to date has reflected "Newburyport's rich and evolutionary history". Mr Sarkis and his architect seems to have a different concept of what they see as evolutionary history.

I fully expected that 22-24 when sold, it would be purchased with renovation and some modest expansion to follow. Totally appropriate. I was also hoping that it would remain a two family house as we need the housing stock. But 2 houses , two entire houses on this lot seems inappropriate. My hope is that Mr Sarkis and his architect can put forth a renovation to this house that is smaller in size and visually appropriate to this lovely house.

I thank you all for the time and thought that you give to our city.

Thank you.
Frances Suzi Moore