

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Newburyport, MA

Re:2021-44-SPNC-22-24 Olive Street

Dear Chairman Ciampitti and ZBA Members:

My name is Frances Suzi Moore and I reside at 19 Olive Street and have done so since 1973.

One glorious aspect about our city is the visual appeal of houses built centuries apart but communally giving grace to each other. There is the varied tastes, textures, visual appeal of neighborhoods, with houses “cheek to jowl”, small lots extending backwards to gardens. Small discreet additions to accommodate growing families or an aging population that do not effect the look from the street make sense and can be reasonable. Neighbors and neighborhoods can accommodate this order of expansion.

For some reason, it seems very crude and rude for a developer who has never lived here, has no stake in the quality of space here or being a neighbor, to add an entire new house to this lot. It seems rather specious to argue that because we have this density of house to lot ratio in this neighborhood now, that has existed for 150 years, he has the given right in 2021 to do the same.

The relationship of houses and space is a value that should be treasured and guarded. It is what has given this small livable city great value. It is with utmost serious consideration that it should be permitted to be taken away.

In-fills rob us all.

Thank you

Frances Suzi Moore