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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. Enclosed herewith, please find revised plans responding to the Commission's comments, for this Commission's consideration at their next meeting.

As background, during the Historical Commission's October 8th meeting, the Commission determined that the property was historically significant, but did not lift the demolition delay as the plans to alter the roof were not to the Commission's satisfaction.

On November 12, the Applicant went before the Commission to propose revised and corrected plans for modification of the roofline—this time raising the entire roofline by 20 inches as originally proposed, but leaving the chimney in place as it was located in front of the ridge (not on the ridge, as previously shown on the plans). The Commission did not approve the amended plans.

Instead, at the Commission's November 12 meeting, the Commission requested the existing ridge height remain, and requested that the windows on the side elevations stay the same size and configuration as they currently exist. These modifications are reflected in the attached plans, and we request consideration at your next meeting.

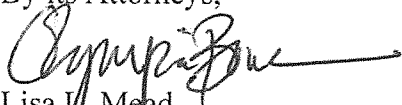
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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 978-463-7700 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted
James Bourque Construction, Inc.
By its Attorneys,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Olympia Bowker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa L. Mead
Olympia Bowker

Attachment
cc: client