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Bonnie Sontag, Chair Planning Board City of Newburyport City Hall 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950

Re: Site Plan Review;

93 State Street, Newburyport, MA (the "Property");

Assessor's Map: 14 Lot: 40

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

Reference is made to the above-captioned matter. In that connection, this firm represents the owner of the Property, the Institution for Savings in Newburyport (the "Bank"), relative to the construction of a two-story addition to the rear of the building located on the Property. In an effort to assist the Board in better understanding the relationship of the proposed addition to the existing structure and nearby streets, we have attached hereto renderings of the proposed addition.

The Bank would also like to clarify the use of the parking at 93 State Street and how the new addition will impact that parking. Notwithstanding the square footage calculations in the Ordinance, the practicality of the matter is as follows. The Bank currently employs 23 people at the Property. There are 24 spaces located in the rear of the Property over which the addition will be built. Practically speaking that is 1 more than the number of employees. It should be noted that all 23 employees are not on site every day all day. There are work shifts due to the hours of operation which include Saturday. Therefore, currently on any given day there are no more than 20 employees on site.

The Bank also provides 12 additional spaces located adjancent to the corner of State Street and Prospect Street for customers only. No employees are permitted to park in these spaces. There will be no impact on the customer spaces by the project. Further, the project will not impact the amount of retail banking available. As you are aware, from our prior filing, the Bank is reallocating office space and archival space.

As noted in our original filing, the Bank will be adding 7 employees, for a total of 30 employees. Additionally, the new addition will remove 6 spaces and the result will be 18 employee spaces on site. Therefore, practically speaking there will be a shortage of 12 spaces on site. Again, there are several employees that work shifts, so, there will be no more than 27 employees on site at any given time, resulting in a shortage of only 9.

The Board should be aware of several other methods the Bank employs in

order to address parking for its employees and not impose upon public parking. First, the Bank offers to its employees, as a benefit, payment for annual parking in a municipal lot; 4 employees currently utilize this benefit. Second, the Board will be pleased to know that currently, the Bank instructs its employees NOT to park in the nearby Harris Street municipal lot. Indeed, it is a policy of the Bank not to use the Harris Street lot.

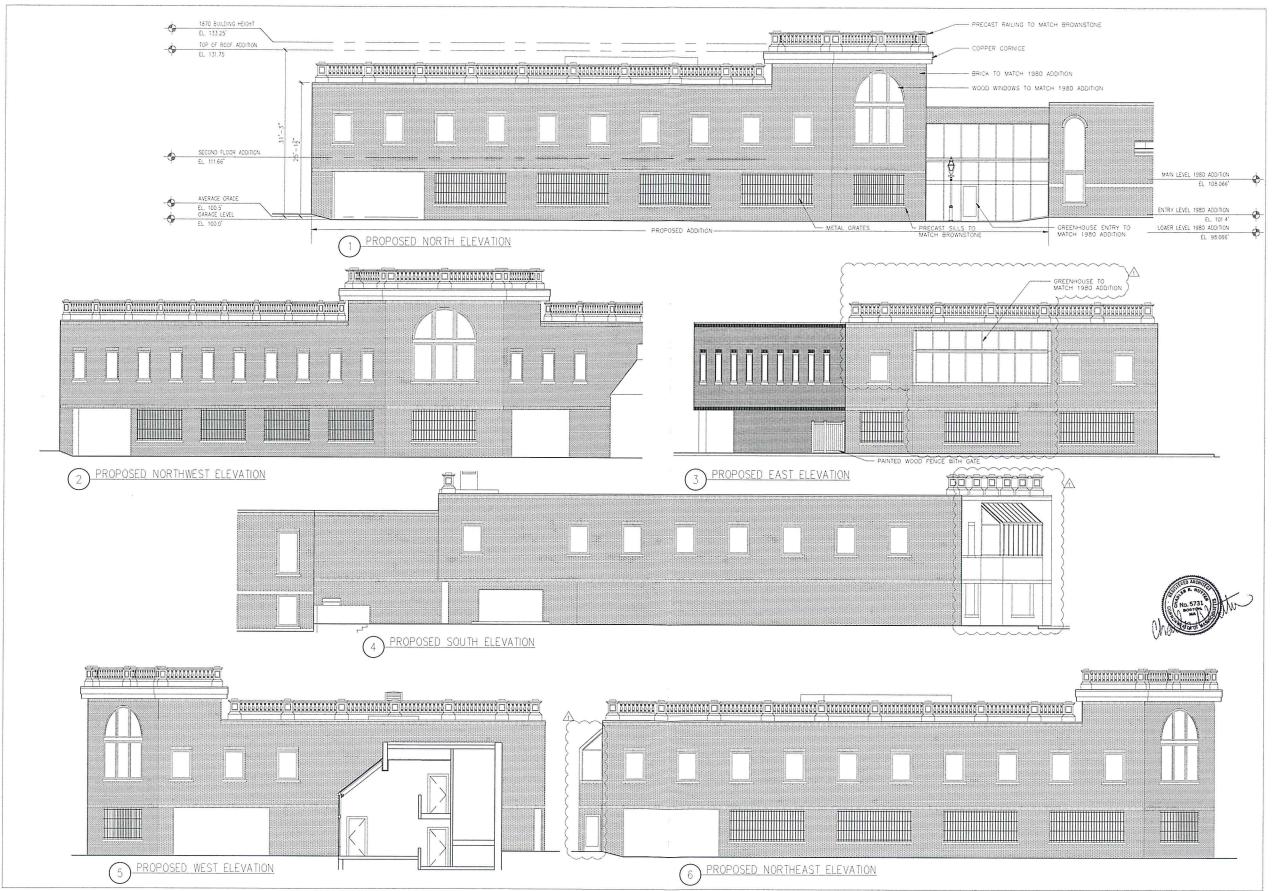
Given the foregoing, while there are 35 additional spaces that the Bank is required to provide under the Ordinance based upon square footage, for which the Bank seeks an ITIF Special Permit, the reality is that in fact under the future number of employee and customer parking needs, the Bank requires only 12 spaces not accounted for on the Bank's property, of which the Bank provides a sticker for the municipal parking lot for 4 employees. Finally, given that the largest employee shift will be 27 at a time, the actual shortage is 9.

Finally, on the Otis Place elevation there has been a revision to the stairwell as shown on the revised architectural plan attached hereto. A sketch is attached to provide a depiction of the revised stairwell's appearance. An updated site plan reflecting this revision is also attached.

Respectfully submitted, Institution for Savings in Newburyport By its attorney

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Project:

OFFICE ADDITION

Location:

93 STATE STREET NEWBURYPORT, MA

PROPOSED ELEVATIONS

Scale:

1/8"=1'-0" Date: 1/6/20

Consultants:

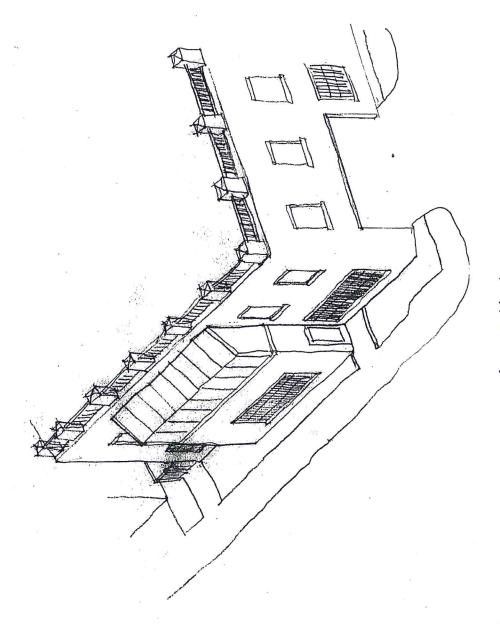
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Axonometric at corner of Otis Place and Prospect St.

