

City of Newburyport
Zoning Board of Appeals
Re: 2 Neptune Street

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the latest plans submitted on November 9th by Pattianne Bampos, as well as the presentation prepared in advance of tomorrow's hearing. While I appreciate that the plans reflect an attempt to minimize changes to the home's historic roofline, as the owner of the adjoining property at 2.5 Neptune, the plans would fundamentally alter my property – regardless of good intent. For this reason, I must formally register my disapproval.

I have two specific reasons for concern:

1. Raising the wall facing town by *three* feet would meaningfully alter our light and our views to the water. I realize the benefit to the property at 2 Neptune Street, but this is to our detriment, and may impact our property value accordingly.
2. Altering part of a 220+ year old home structurally will have an inevitable structural impact on the rest of the home. I view this as a potential risk to my property – and is not one that I'm interested in managing (or can afford to manage) at this time.

I regret that this process is still ongoing, and I regret that I feel obliged to disapprove of anyone's plans for their home. I understand my neighbor's desire for additional square footage (our side of the home is < 800 sq feet in total...), but the risk and impact to my property is simply too great.

Sincerely,
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