

Dianne Boisvert

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Sent: June 03, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Dianne Boisvert; Katelyn E. Sullivan; Andrew Port
Subject: [Ext]Reference: Public Hearing for Special Permit(s) made by the Institution for Savings in Newburyport for property located at 93 State Street/ Assessor's Map and parcel 14-40. 1. Site Plan Review (2020-SPR-02), 2. ITIF Special Permit (2020-SP-01), 3....

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Dear Ms. Sontag, Mr. Richards and Mr. Port:

We want to add our opposition to the audio only digital forum being held this evening. This is an inappropriate and disrespectful manner in which to conduct business and make decisions that will certainly affect the future of Newburyport's downtown neighbors.

The proposed addition is not in line with the small town flavor and personality of this town and seems to impose greatly on surrounding areas. Please allow concerned citizens to have their say.

Please confirm receipt of this opposition and add it to the public record.

Michael & Amy Grigsby
6A Broad Street

Dianne Boisvert

From: Alex <9G@mvkf.com>
Sent: June 03, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Dianne Boisvert; Katelyn E. Sullivan; Andrew Port
Subject: [Ext]I AM OPPOSED TO THE INST FOR SVGS PLAN FOR EXPANSION

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To:

Bonnie Sontag, Planning Board Chair

Office of Planning and Development

Glen Richards

Newburyport Historical Commission

Andrew Port

Planning Director

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Dear Ms. Sontag, Mr. Richards and Mr. Port:

At 9-11 Garden Street, I am one of three residents who share a property line with the Institution For Savings and wish to loudly declare my opposition to the expansion plan presented to you by the bank.

While the bank has done many good works for the city of Newburyport and surrounding area, they are ignoring us, their neighbors (& customers) in designing such a massive buildout in such a tight, historic area and should consider moving their expansion plan to the Industrial Park or other location.

Further, the bank is ignoring your own wisdom and guidance in suggesting that they meet with their neighbors on Garden St, Otis St, Prospect St, State St, and the neighborhoods nearby.

Although we feel that coming to the table with their neighbors, those who would be PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED by the plan, might resolve this matter more quickly and with less pain and suffering around it, the bank has continued their wall of silence towards us and continue doing the same thing over and over, expecting a different result.

Rather than collaborate with us, they purport to be listening and adapting their plans to what they interpret as our needs and concerns. I grant them the benefit of the doubt, and hope they believe they really are listening and not simply strategizing a way to force their way on us--however, every expansion plan they have put forth for our neighborhood illustrates the opposite.

And the voice of our historic neighborhood is heard through the many emails you have received and letters to the editor, as well as our presence in great numbers at City Hall meetings on the matter, all of which clearly illustrate that the bank is NOT listening to us.

Because of the seriousness of this matter, and the intense opposition no one can ignore, I ask that you deny any permits at this time, especially where some of us do not have the command of the digital world that would make a ZOOM meeting possible for us all.

As we are entitled to the benefits of due process, I ask that you reschedule this hearing/meeting until a time that we can meet again in public.

Accessibility is the key to a democratic process, but a digital meeting (audio-only) deprives some of us of that accessibility and a decision that affects so many of us so permanently should not be determined under such discriminatory conditions.

I, for one, have an older computer and could not get it to work with Zoom, so will be UNABLE to attend the meeting this evening.

So please vote against the plans and permits as currently set forth for the expansion of the Institution For Savings on State Street.

I would appreciate it if you would confirm that you received this writing and have entered it into the public record.

Thank you respectfully,

Alex Adrian
9-11 Garden Street
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From: Gary Karelis <gkarelis@karelisrealty.com>
Sent: June 03, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Dianne Boisvert
Cc: Katelyn E. Sullivan; Andrew Port; Gary Karelis
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Dear Ms. Sontag, Mr. Richards and Mr. Port:

I strongly oppose that a decision of this magnitude be determined via an audio-only, digital forum out of accessibility and due process concerns.

Additionally, the currently proposed addition ignores the scale and massing concerns. The 16,000-square-foot addition is too large and lacks reasonable setbacks on all abutting sides. I ask that you vote against the proposed site plan as presented.

Please confirm receipt of this message and its addition to the public record.

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Subject: [Ext]Opposed - Institution for Savings Expansion

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Dear Ms. Sontag, Mr. Richards and Mr. Port:

I am voicing my concern as a resident and property owner here at Otis Place. This is not a trivial matter and one that I adamantly oppose. A decision of this matter should not be made via an audio-only digital forum. The lack of accessibility and due process concerning our neighborhood is of utmost importance.

Presently, the current proposed addition ignores the scale and massing concerns. The 16,000-square-foot addition is too large and lacks reasonable setbacks on all abutting sides. I ask that you vote against the proposed site plan as presented.

Please confirm receipt of this message and its addition to public record.

Lisa Sanchez
10 Otis Place
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Ms. Sontag, Mr. Port, Mr. Richards,

I hope you are all safe and well. Please see my opposition attached and below.

My name is Sean Sullivan, I own and live at 9 Prospect Street directly across from the proposed Institution for Savings expansion with my wife Jennifer, my daughter Elle and our dog Charley.

I would first like to say that I'm opposed to the digital format of this meeting. I understand these are unprecedented times and I just wanted to write directly in case I can't speak on the zoom meeting.

The Institution for Savings is truly a great *Institution* as a leader in local business and the community. But in this expansion, I feel that their plans push outward and upwards too far and it negatively affects the daily lives of the homes in this neighborhood.

1. I'm asking you to consider the true scale and massing concerns I have for this parking structure. The 16,000-square-foot addition is too large and lacks reasonable setbacks to the streets and houses that surround it. The massing and proximity to the street will cause an incredible "tunnel effect" right in front of my house, this is especially bad on Saturday mornings when people line up around their circle back into prospect street. I ask that you vote against the proposed site plan as presented.
2. Thank you for asking that the Institution for Savings to provide some additional elevations and views from Prospect and surrounding streets in their revised proposal. While much better than before, I feel this still doesn't represent the scale and massing concerns I have for 9 Prospect in particular. Most of the depictions have blocked out my house for a reason, the parking garage simply dwarfs the small house on the front side that has the majority of windows. Please see attached file to see how my house scale compared to slides 26 + 27 of IFS's latest proposal.
 - o Page 1 shows slide 26 with the scale of my house and windows and directly across from where the proposed structure will be from the north perspective.
 - o Page 2 shows a more accurate representation of the slide 27 to include a much smaller 9 Prospect St. home. Their rendering conveniently selected the tallest house in the neighborhood to represent height when that is not the case for all residents.

I have a saltbox style colonial house that gets all of its sun from the front with no second story windows in the back. My house was built around 1800, 70 years before the bank even had their first structure there. The Parking garage will block out the sun especially in the winter. In effect ruining the biggest benefit of the whole south-facing saltbox style design and this affects the quality of life inside the home.

For Planning Board Consideration:

Under my front step, there are another set of steps going down about 1-2 ft. below the current sidewalk to what was then the road circa 1800. It is shocking to think the road was that much lower in front of my house in 1800. When I first saw these steps I was amazed to think about the layers, upon layers, upon layers, of street, sidewalk and Newburyport history that had been build up over centuries on Prospect St. to bring the neighborhood to where it is today.

As planning board members, this is your chance to positively influence a "layer" to the beautiful Prospect Street neighborhood. Please consider carefully what your layer will be. An oversized parking structure pushed to the very edge of a huge lot that shades the surrounding historic houses? Or something more fitting to the neighborhood and my little yellow house. Thank you for your consideration.

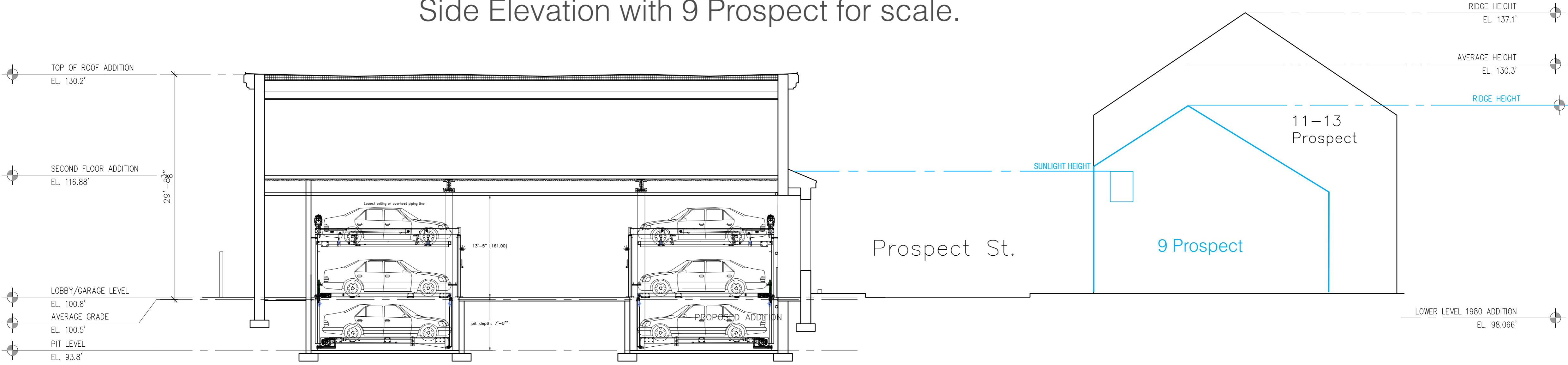
Sincerely,
Sean M. Sullivan

SLIDE 26: Proposed North Elevation with 9 Prospect placement for scale.

Scale:
 $1/8" = 1'-0"$



SLIDE 27: Side Elevation with 9 Prospect for scale.



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From: tim wacker <tiwack@comcast.net>
Sent: June 03, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Dianne Boisvert
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We reside at 13 Otis Pl. and which now to ask the board not hold this hearing in the format being proposed. There is a great deal of opposition and the Zoom format will not provide the Board with a clear picture/understanding of the level of that opposition. Those unfamiliar with the format will have no means by which their opposition will be registered. My bet that is quite a few people as I have been using Zoom a lot lately.

Warmest regards,

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