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date:

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to:

The Honorable Board of Alderman, City of Newton:

re:

Simon Taylor
136 Eastbourne Rd.
Newton, MA

explanatory remarks:

Simon and Leanne Taylor (with their 4 children) purchased Unit 136 on June 29th, 2015 with exclusive rights to the attic space. The potential to expand this unit into the attic to add (2) bedrooms and a bathroom played a significant role in their decision to purchase. They noticed similar additions on the street and were told by realtors and contractors alike that this should not be a problem. At the time of closing, they hired me to look into the possibilities and upon further investigation, we discovered the extent of the existing non-conformity.

Unfortunately for the Taylors, the house is less than ideal in it's current configuration for their family of 6. We believe, like several other homeowners in their neighborhood, that a renovation to the upper level of their home would increase livability and add to property values while maintaining the historical context of the neighborhood. Therefore, we have designed a modest but accommodating addition with the welcome insight of the City of Newton's Planning, Zoning and Inspectional Services Departments. It was a pleasure to work with them at every turn and we are grateful for your consideration.

On Behalf of Simon, Leanne, Tzvi (5), Elya (4), Simcha (3), and Leah(2), we respectfully submit our request for your review.

sincerely,



Christopher E. Brown

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