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Subject:

Re: Meet with you re: 37 Elm Street

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Dear Mrs. Arpino:

Thank you again for contacting me. I will certainly take your concerns into consideration. Your February 21, 2012 letter was previously forwarded to the aldermen. I am also copying the clerk on this email along with my request to again forward your letter to the aldermen.

If you would like to discuss this with me today you can contact me at the number below. GThe Land Use Committee is meeting tonight at 7PM in Room 222 at City Hall to discuss this petition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Ted Hess-Mahan Alderman-at-Large Ward 3 871 Watertown Street West Newton, MA 02465 508-847-4855 thessmahan@newtonma.gov

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On Mon, March 5, 2012 8:13 pm, valerie arpino wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Hessmahan,
> As our alderman in Ward 3, my husband and I would like to meet with you
> and discuss our concerns with the revised proposal at 37 Elm Street. We
> have read the memorandum to the Land Use committee for consideration
> from Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development. It appears
> that the units have been decreased in size, but Unit #3 & 4 decreased
> only by 8.9%. The rear set back is now 25" but the side setbacks are
> 17.1 and 17.4 feet, which is still considerably less than the required
> 25', as the abutter this greatly concerns us. If a waiver is needed to
> allow structures this size to be 17.1(4) feet from the lot line because
> it is impractical to comply with the 25' setbacks due to the narrow
> shape of the lot, than it should be denied on that reason alone. They
> are not asking for relief for an existing Structure that is 17.1 feet
> from the property line to add another unit to it, so we feel strongly
> that any new unit(s) should be able to be built within the 25' setbacks.
> We are asking from you as our Alderman for support in this matter.
> Zoning laws are in place to help the residents of Newton, not developers
> that have no attachment to our neighborhoods. Also I would like to know
> if you forwarded our letter on to all of the Alderman or just the Land
> Use committee Alderman. Our home Phone: 617-244-9213 my cell:
> 617-877-7104 or my husband John's cell: 617-275-6075 Sincerely, Valerie
> Arpino 51 Elm Street Newton, MA Â Â
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