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July 5, 2013

Land Use Committee
Board of Alderman of City of Newton
City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: Petition #204-13

To Whom It May Concern:

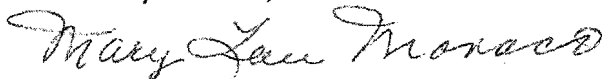
We are writing in support of Special Permit/Site plan Approval for the proposed alterations to the carriage house at the house immediately adjacent to us (15 Farlow Road). Linda Heffner, the owner of the property, would like to convert the loft of the carriage house on the property to an apartment. During the 20+ years that Dr. Heffner and her late husband, Douglas Richardson, have lived in the house, they have continually renovated the house in keeping with its 1905 origins. We have seen the plans for the apartment conversion and feel that it, once again, is in keeping with the main house and the character of the neighborhood. Specifically, the enlargement of the dormers, which will markedly increase the living space of the apartment, will be done in a way that maintains the character and appeal of the carriage house. Tenant parking will be on the first floor of the carriage house, which was converted to a four car garage in the early 1990s or in the accessory space to the right of the garage driveway on Kenrick St. Again, this thoughtfully maintains the "curb appeal" of the carriage house from the neighborhood perspective.

We also support this conversion because it will preserve the carriage house for decades to come. We are aware that other such historically important buildings have been lost in Newton in recent years.

Sincerely,



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