

Linda M. Finucane

From: Daniel Sexton
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 8:33 AM
To: Linda M. Finucane
Subject: FW: Letter about the petition #228-14(2) Gongxiong Wu Petition for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval

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Morning Linda,

Please find a letter from an abutter for petition #228-14(2).

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From: Fisher, Susan [<mailto:sfisher@lesley.edu>]
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October 13, 2014

Dear Members of the Committee,

I appreciate having the opportunity to address you. Unfortunately, I teach on Tuesday evenings so I am writing you this letter.

Our house is 110 McCarthy Road and is one of the properties that abuts 102 McCarthy. They have petitioned the land use committee. Our neighbors are very nice people but we do have strong concerns about this petition.

That house has already gone from a one family house that it is zoned for to essentially a two family house with 3 bathrooms and 7 bedrooms. This proposed edition of a "master suite" would add another bedroom, another bathroom and an office to the property. This could potentially make this a 3 family house. Even if the present owners do not intend this to be a multiple family dwelling another owner might not share that view. This size house stresses the limits and resources of the property.

According to the notice that was sent out the floor area ratio would go from .42 to .56 where .38 is the maximum allowed in this area.

We do not oppose a new garage and even an office above it but we do oppose the 'suite' as it is too much.

The last edition to the house by the previous owner has had a negative impact on us in many ways. The increase in height and width has stopped the sun from hitting our front walk and roof. The walk remains icy in the winter weather and the snow does not melt off the roof as it had in the past (prior to the edition). As a result we have had to pay for additional services (a cost we cannot afford). In addition in the past there were so many cars (as many as 7) at the house in the winter that they had to park on the street. They did not move them during snow-storms and the Newton plows were unable to have access to properly plow the street. My mother has a disability and this became a safety issue for her. Even if the present owners do not plan to have more cars the might not be the case in the future.

Oak Hill Park is a neighborhood of one family house's. The neighborhood has seen many changes over the years. Both 110 and 102 McCarthy Road are zoned as one family house's. The proposed addition exceed that expectation.

We have lived here for over 57 years and do expect progress within limits. This proposal pushes beyond the limits as that house already stresses the limits of a property that is zoned as a one family home.

We do hope you look at all the issues when considering the application for the expansion of this property.

Thank you for your consideration,
Susan J. Fisher
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