

STATEMENT

June 20, 2023

Dear Town of Bristol Historic District Commission:

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the recent decisions and discussions held by the Historic District Commission. Your understanding and willingness to compromise have truly made a significant impact on our community, and with the overall completion of restoring and renovating 825 Hope Street.

Reflecting on the past few months, it is evident that this process has not always been easy. Over the months, we have encountered numerous challenges and faced situations where finding common ground seemed nearly impossible. The preservation of historic homes and the evolution of our neighborhood have often presented contrasting perspectives and sparked passionate debates.

However, I am genuinely encouraged by the recent developments and our collective ability to move forward with greater clarity. The willingness to listen to diverse viewpoints, consider alternative solutions, and ultimately reach compromises is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the Historic District Commission.

Specifically, on numerous occasions, the owners of 825 Hope St. have met with HDC counsel, the Project Monitor, and HDC Liaison to engage in an agreement and understanding of a way forward. Thus, we have successfully proposed changes and concessions that we are hopeful to gain final approval from.

By acknowledging the importance of both preserving our historical heritage and embracing responsible growth, you have demonstrated a deep understanding of the delicate balance required for the community's long-term success.

I firmly believe that our ability to navigate these challenges and work collaboratively will contribute to the continued vibrancy and authenticity of our historic district. Through open dialogue and the mutual exchange of ideas, we can strike a harmonious balance between preservation and progress.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of the Historic District Commission for your tireless efforts and your willingness to understand and compromise. I appreciate the HDC's understanding, recommendations, and willingness to allow 825 Hope Street to progress.

Thank you for your invaluable service to our community.

Sincerely,

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