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Subject: Correcting HPC misstatements

Dear Commissioners,

Below are the specifics of erroneous statements made in the 12/14/22 HPC meeting that I think are critical for you to have prior to Wednesday.

We have concerns that the style of the proposed antique door was not considered appropriately during HPC review, and that erroneous assumptions were made and stated by Ms. Burnett leading to the 2-1 vote against the door despite it being harmonious with and relevant to the style of the home.

Because of my 20 years of experience in government, I know all information from the HPC meeting has been given to you, so I'm sending this to you to correct that information for the public record.

At the HPC meeting, motion maker Ms. Burnett began her comments at time stamp 1 hour and 17 minutes into the meeting as follows: "I was driving down Tait. And I saw this door and I thought, what happened? Is that sort of a door that's like a safety door to protect the door that's behind it?"

I have no idea why she said this. The reality is our front door is not visible if you're driving on the right side of Tait towards W. Main St. Nor is it visible if you look for it when stopped at the stop sign (please see photo below as proof of this).

At time stamp 1:23:30, she said "We have direct directives here. There are 3 areas that doors are addressed."

That's not true. These are guidelines, not directives. And none of them apply to doors.

At time stamp 1:31:12. Ms. Burnett quoted from page 55 of the Residential Design Guidelines and said "All exterior elements subject to review should be consistent with the proposed style."

The paragraph she quoted is under section 4.11.1 "Remodel to a Contributing Status" and in red letters states "this section applies only to existing houses located within one of the Town's designated historic districts."

Ours is not a remodel to a contributing status and does not fall under the sentence she quoted.

In the Design Guidelines, there are no specific rules for style of doors, other than they be relevant to the style of the home and that they prefer them to be front facing and articulated in some way, so as to have some detail to them.

Thank you.....Mike Wasserman

