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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Historical Commission/ Protect our Historical District via a Zoning Ordinance/MBTA TF

Attention: MBTA Task Force, Planning Board, Select Board
(Ms. Hunter, please forward to PB and TF Members, thank you.)

Hello Mr. Smith, the TF Historical Commission Representative:

I write once again to you and the MBTA TF because a neighbor who has made a case that her historic home at 22 Sea St, the **SALLY SAMPLES historic home**, is not protected from BY RIGHT ZONING via Sec 3A of Ch 40 A, should Voters approve. There are others sprinkled around Town.

I researched a little more on this topic. Note the Mass Preservation Action Plan through 2022:

<https://psfallriver.files.wordpress.com/2019/06/massachusetts-state-historic-preservation-plan-2018-2022.pdf>

Local Historical Commissions should take actions to protect our historic downtown and other historic properties of significance.

Local Government Actions

Goal 10: Protect Historic and Archaeological Resources through Local Governments

- 1. Protect historic and archaeological resources through the passage and administration of local historic districts, demolition delay bylaws, architectural preservation districts, and other preservation local bylaws and ordinances.***
- 2. Revise local bylaws and ordinances to encourage concentrated development, discourage sprawl, and revitalize commercial centers.***
- 3. Attend training workshops offered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.***
- 4. Integrate historic preservation into the local planning and***

development process.

5. Revise local zoning to encourage adaptive re-use within urban neighborhoods and of underutilized buildings.

6. Adopt the Community Preservation Act as a source of funding for historic preservation projects.

7. If qualified, apply for status as a Certified Local Government through the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

I am certain that you are dedicated to protecting our History; however, more can and should be done to proactively maintain the character of this Town. However, it is very clear that we have not been *proactive* enough on this front. I was surprised to learn that we did not even have in place a Delayed Demolition Bylaw; this is NOT enough.

If the Manchester Historical Museum, the Trask House, were sold, under MBTA BYRIGHT ZONING, a developer could easily buy it, destroy it or create multifamily housing. **Is this what we are headed for with this movement? I would like to see stronger advocacy on this point. Since the MBTA TF has charged a subcommittee with development of delayed demolition processes and design guidelines, please advance this matter to a stronger zoning bylaw for Spring Town Meeting.**

Regards,

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