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Subject: Letter re. 91 South Street application
To: Erin Zwirko
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Dear Erin and Members of the Board,

I'm writing to express support for the plan submitted by Brad Moll for the new home at 91 South Street. I've read the application, reviewed the plans, and read your packet including the material about non-contributing structures in the village. I agree with you that the existing cottage is not a building of value.

I can add a bit more history to that understanding. As an abutter to the property, with the cottage fully visible right outside my south side windows, my husband Drew Cheney and I were very interested in the property when it first became available. We thought very seriously about buying it and renting it to others until we were ready to downsize.

It didn't take very long or too much inspection to realize that the cottage, while appealing in size, would need a lot of investment to be an energy-efficient, sound and livable home. The only part worth saving was the relatively new barn. The whole pro forma was unworkable for us, as we were not up for building a new house. We let it go, hoping that whoever bought it would do right by the location in one of Yarmouth's most cherished neighborhoods.

I was so glad to hear that the house was bought by Brad Moll, with his track record of responsible property management and construction. And I'm very happy to say that we love the house Bruce Butler has designed for 91 South Street. It is not a lot bigger in footprint than the old cottage, but makes it optimal use of the building envelope with a traditional vertical 2 story design and a welcoming wrap-around porch. We are grateful for all the detailing, compatible with the loveliest houses in Yarmouth.

The proposed design is an excellent example, even a prototype, for how a small house can fit on a small lot in our village. As we eye the future and look for ways to accommodate renovation, growth and infill, I hope we'll encourage context-sensitive and respectful proposals such as this one by Brad Moll.

I won't be available to attend the meeting on the 13th but can be available until then if you have questions.

Best regards,
Sarah



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