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To the Rockport Planning Board:

After living at the same address in the Village for more than 46 years, I do ask that this email be taken quite seriously. Rockport is deeply loved and cherished.

That said, what brings people, families and tourists, to choose Rockport? Rockport's *context*. That is, not just views, or salt water. There's plenty of that on both coasts of the United States. Rockport is a distinctive New England, Maine seaside village with its unique architecture, history and Maine lore. What makes Europe a prime destination if not its old buildings and heritage? Try tearing down a building in Europe...

Historic preservation is valued if not revered in so many wonderful places on this planet. Why not here? I think the answer is development, wearing the mask of progress. We have all sorts of ordinances, comprehensive plans to help manage and control growth. But as soon as these get in a developer's way, they are changed or modified to accommodate *what? Why is that?*

Rockport is a community of hard-working people with diverse backgrounds and economic standing. The town belongs to them all. Unquestionably.

Please, for the love of Rockport and for what history has entrusted to us, do the right, albeit difficult, thing. Show courage.

Thank you

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