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To: [Rockport Planning](#)
Subject: Meeting tonight.
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Dear Orion,

I'm probably too late to be writing this but maybe not.

I'm writing to express my continued concern regarding the validity of how and when the hotel in Rockport got its building permit.

From the very beginning of this whole hotel debacle, my husband and I have tried to follow the story, and always questioned whether or not the process the town requires of any building project was being followed in a legal and orderly way. It has been very confusing to follow, but one thing is certain and that is the developer does not appear to care about the building process or the concerns of the people. I'm also concerned about the changes in the plan that have been made since the questionable permit was issued. Capacity and number of rooms, and the total disregard of the independent traffic study. What's up with that? Parking being a huge issue here.

Every day I drive by the project and shake my head "there goes the view". Ugh.

Important here to understand that many people, including myself, are not opposed to a small boutique kind of hotel in the heart of Rockport. Many feel accommodations could have been made by the developer to maintain good relations with the town's people and meet the need for a small hotel. Have a win-win for both parties. Seems like a good solution. But when the process is seemingly ignored and negated, and the developer marches on, the integrity is lost. Just completely lost. This is not a good situation. Is it?

It saddens me and so many others who live and pay taxes in Rockport, to see the character of Rockport changing. It definitely has an elitist feeling now which is so wrong for our little Rockport. I hear this sentiment spoken out loud all of the time. As Charles Kuralt once said, Rockport is the quaintest little harbor in New England ... Right before our eyes it is losing its down-to-earth charm. This is a bummer big time!

If you could share with ZBA people that many of us would like them to revisit the permit issue or invalidate it so it can go back to the planning board for revision, this would be appreciated. I don't know all the right words to use here but hopefully you get the gist.

That's all.

Respectfully

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