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To: Orion Thomas

I am a long-time resident of Rockport, as was my mother. My mother-in-law lives here, too. I strongly urge the Zoning Board of Appeals to invalidate the building permit issued to the hotel currently under construction.

The ZBA should also uphold the ordinances we voted into law. The hotel should be no larger than 20 rooms; the developer should conduct a traffic study. In the words of Justice Mallonee, the Town's refusal to apply the ordinances to the hotel due to a delay caused by Covid, "appears to contravene foundational ideas of participatory government."

It will exploit the beauty and the character of our town, not for the benefit of those who live here, but for those who stand to profit from people who swoop in, have a party, and leave. There has been no traffic study; the building's capacity is almost twice what was agreed upon, and the building permit process has proceeded in a secretive manner.

Is this what we want for our town?

Thank you.  
Deborah Weisgall Wilder