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Re: Application Number 18944

From
Gil and Blanche Ziv
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I am writing to express my view against approving application number 18944. The applicant, Michael Reitz, filed with the Zoning Board before, and although he built more than the allowed space it was somehow approved. It cost us a magnificent view of two trees, one of them was a truly awesome Magnolia tree. Instead, now I'm facing an ugly brick wall about 10 feet away from my house. The sun is also blocked by that extension, and I can no longer grow anything that needs sun in my back yard.

The front of the building also affects the block. All homes on the block have a pretty architecture with curves, almost historic motifs. The front of the applicant is not. It sticks like a thorn among other homes, and it looks bad and not belongs.

I really don't understand how the Zoning Board let the applicant build so much on that little land lot, destroying beautiful views, disrupting the scenic architecture, and getting the residents on the block upset. And now this applicant is asking the board to continue and build even higher? How many views need to be destroyed or blocked before it's too late? I strongly believe this application should be denied in the strongest ways possible. If you were here to see how this block was before he expanded his home, you would understand. I've been a resident of this block for the past 15 years. The applicant home contributed nothing good for the block. It took away the character, view, trees, and peacefulness. I hope you will have the open mind to hear us and the heart to listen and make sure this application is denied once and for all.

Respectfully,



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