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To be forwarded to the ZBA before 7PM...

As the 40 Centre St public hearing closes this evening, I feel compelled to once again express Winchester House's disgust with the project and the so called consideration for the community. The ZBA had and has the ability to have Mr. Roth make changes in his design, footprint, etc. to better serve and protect the neighborhood.

The findings stated by Judi Barret (paragraph 2) that the Local Concerns do not outweigh the need for affordable housing is erroneous. How can public safety, treacherous traffic patterns, elderly access to sidewalks, lack of open space, inadequate trash disposal, lack of parking, removal of site lines and total disregard for the neighborhood aesthetic not outweigh the need for affordable housing in this town? The damage done to the community is clearly greater than the need for affordable housing at this location.

Further, in paragraph 4, noting that "many of the concerns expressed by abutters and other interested parties during the public hearing process involve pre-existing conditions on Centre St and the surrounding area that are not directly related to or caused by the project." The concerns (lack of open space, damage to our structure, destruction of trees, invasion of privacy, etc.) by Winchester House are directly related to and a result of 40 Centre being a mere five feet away from our building. Additional garbage, traffic, parking issues, pedestrian safety and overcrowding, all mentioned by neighbors and abutters are caused by this project.

The ZBA has called the proposed building an "abomination" and "out of character for the neighborhood", yet has allowed the applicant to ignore the pleas of the community and have his way with virtually all aspects of the project. There is something very wrong with this action.

Elissa Rosenthal, Chair
Winchester House Condo Trust