

Dear Ms. Morelli,

I agree on all the points that the Board of Selectmen expressed in their letter of May 18, 2016, to MassHousing about the development proposed for 111 Cypress Street. That letter is a good starting point for how this project, if it were to go forward, could add value to the Town of Brookline.

I would like to underscore the comments about creating direct access to the Brookline Hills MBTA station. As the Selectmen pointed out, such passage would further encourage use of the T as well as serve as an amenity to the neighborhood. In fact, it would shorten the walking distance to and from the station for residents of 111 Cypress by over 150 yards (not to mention significant elevation changes).

Despite the Selectmen's requests, as of January 4, 2017, the development team had not contacted the MBTA to begin a dialogue nor had it submitted a rendering of how that access might look.

I appreciate the Town's forthright observations, strong recommendations, reasonable requests for information, and sincere desire for cooperative engagement.

Sincerely,

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