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Subject: Babcock Place

To the Zoning Board of Appeals

I am writing with concerns regarding the role of your Committee, the set back and the overall mass of the proposed building. I rely on the ZBA to protect our community from zealous developers whose sole mission is to fuel their greed. Your role should be to push back. I am not opposed to development, so long as it's in the built environment, but it's only reasonable that new buildings be context sensitive. This one is not.

I am particularly alarmed by the failure to protect the mature trees at this site. As you know one of the most important, and inexpensive ways that Brookline can mitigate climate change is to preserve our existing trees and also to increase our urban forest. It's distressing that ZBA would allow the current rear setback because it's not sufficient for the trees' survival and health.

I ask you to protect Brookline and our environment.

Sincerely  
Jane Gilman  
Precinct 3  
Co-Founder,  
Town Meeting Green Caucus

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