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Dear members of the ZBA:

I have just seen the notice of the Nov. 22 meeting, so this may not get in under the wire for that meeting—I hope you will consider it carefully, though.

The proposed structure at 1021-1025 Mass. Ave. is enormous: 5 stories with the 4th stepped back, and covering the footprint of two good-sized existing houses. That block is mainly 2.5 story houses with a variety of uses, several of them of historic significance, including one slated for demolition.

The current elevations show a very typical design in the mold of current cement panel facade buildings, which has nothing to do with the block, the town, etc. I spoke to the developer about this at the site visit, and he said they were looking at adding brick facing. I'd like to submit an example of a newer structure, much smaller of course, but one that references the architectural history of much of the town, and yet has a fresh look. To my eye, this is a very successful new build. See gray 3-story building in the attachment, at 248 Mass. Ave.

I hope the Board will keep in mind that this will be a very large intrusion into this block, and that better design will go a very long way toward smoothing acceptance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and see you Tuesday evening—

Best,
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