122-124 Mechanic Street Trust Brode Joanna Nelson Trustee 122 Mechanic St Portsmouth, NH 03801



Historic District Commission
Portsmouth City Hall
I Junkin Ave
Portsmouth, NH 03801

August 2, 2023

RE: 1 Walton Alley – HDC Administrative approval.

HDC Chair and Board Members,

Regarding window replacement as set forth in a letter dated July 26, 2023, by McHenry Architecture, Mark R. Gianniny, AIA, Principal to the Historic District Commission regarding 1 Walton Alley.

Please note that Brode Joanna Nelson Trustee, a direct abutter wishes to be recorded in favor of the said window replacement as set forth in the communication for McHenry Architecture, dated July 26, 2023.

Very Truly Yours, Joanna Nelson Brode

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Historic District Commission Portsmouth, New Hampshire City of Portsmouth August 2, 2023

RE: HDC Meeting August 02, 2023. "Petition of Seacoast Management Consulting, LLC, owner, for property located at 3 Walton Alley, wherein permission is requested to allow the installation of new fencing and gate as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 103 as Lot 20 and lies within the General Residence B (GRB) and Historic Districts."

HDC Chair and Board Members,

Please take this communication as notice that the above-named Abutter: Joanna Nelson Brode, Trustee of 122-124 Mechanic Street Trust, wishes to register and confirm agreement with the above-named Petition of Seacoast Management Consulting, LLC to allow installation of new fencing and gate, as per plan on file with Planning Department.

Very Truly Yours,

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HDC Meeting August 2, 2023

Katherine Miller John Magane 51 Gardner Street Portsmouth, NH 03801

Abutter's Response to Petition #2 of Seacoast Management Consulting, LLC, owner for property located at 3 Walton Aly, Portsmouth, NH wherein permission is requested to allow the installation of new fencing and gate.

Dear Commission Members,

We have owned and resided at 51 Gardner Street since 2007,16 years. In all the time we have lived here, there has never been fencing in the part of the yard that the owner is requesting. Also in the 16 years we have owned our home neither us or the previous or current owners of 3 Walton Aly have had the property surveyed by a land surveying company.

While we understand that in the City of Portsmouth you are allowed to put a fence right on your property line, without a definitive survey how can we be sure where the property line is?

Yes, there are iron stakes between our two properties but there is no identification on them. I have been told by a representative of a land surveying company that you cannot assume that any iron stakes are accurate land markers especially in the South End. They could have been placed to hold a stone wall or some other landscape feature that existed in the past, or they could have been moved by previous owners, utility workers, even a tree removal company and reinserted nearby. The only way to determine accurate lot lines would be to have a property survey performed by a land surveying company. Coincidentally, we have two neighbors on Gardner Street who curently trying to resolve exactly where a property line is because a new land survey is showing something different than what the homeowners believed to be the current lot line.

Without a definitive survey we are asking the owner of 3 Walton Aly to consider placing the 6 foot high fence 32 inches away from the base of our foundation and parallel to our foundation. Because the owner plans on totally enclosing the back yard we feel 32 inches would be a neighborly considerate solution to allow us the space needed to maintain the back of our 2 1/2 story home which could include painting, exterminator services, roof work, dryer vent cleaning and any other home repairs.

Katherine Miller

John Magane