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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Application to Zoning Board of Review for 88 Columbia Street

Dear Jamie Gorman,

As a neighbor to the Avery Storti Funeral Home (the Funeral Home), I received a notification of their application for a Special Use Permit for the construction of a 16' x 16' one-story addition to their existing structure.

Because of an exposure to a family member with COVID, I am unable to attend the Public Hearing taking place this evening so I am submitting my comments to you in response to this notification in writing.

The Funeral Home provides an important service to our community and I appreciate the friendliness of their staff. Based on my review of their application for a Special Permit, I see no immediate concerns with their one-story addition. However, I do have concerns about their existing development and infrastructure that, as a neighbor, think need to be addressed before or in conjunction with the construction of the proposed project.

The Funeral Home fronts on Columbia Street but their property slopes down, at a steep grade to River Street. The Administrative Subdivision Plan included in the zoning application shows that at least some of the stormwater runoff from the Funeral Home site, including from the expansive parking area, is piped to a dry well on the portion of their parcel that fronts on River Street. During larger rain events, the stormwater from the Funeral Home overwhelms the dry well and overflows creating a waterfall down the slope flooding River Street.

Despite the drought we experienced this summer, these larger and localized rain and flood events are only predicted to increase over time. I request that the Funeral Home mitigate these issues before or in conjunction with the new construction by improving upon their stormwater management associated with their property to adequately manage their existing and expected stormwater runoff.

Thank you for notifying the adjacent neighborhoods of this proposed development. I look forward to hearing from you.

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