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Hi Bill, Scott & Donna:

The committee has a very difficult job. You are asked to make decisions on some properties without having access to the inside as well as the exterior of the home. Driving past the home, is a great way to familiarize yourself with the property, but it is impossible for all of you to be able to have the full picture without entering the structure.

After the meeting in January, I thought to myself what would be the best way to give the committee a full picture of the property located at 40 Richmondville Avenue. I thought that showing the inside of the property would be best. I reached out to Donna who provided the contact information for Grayson & Scott. It was brought to my attention that it would be better if the entire committee was able to view the interior of the property. Unfortunately, we were not able to coordinate getting everyone together, thus, the reason for the attached 36 photos.

On paper, 40 Richmondville, does in fact check off several reasons to try and keep the home. I tried on numerous occasions to put a restoration plan in place. However, it is just not feasible. The committee prior to the January meeting had not been inside the property, thus the reason for the discussion at the meeting. However, after seeing the attached photos, there is **not one** redeeming quality of the interior of this home. Nothing in the interior of the house is original. Unfortunately previous renovations have left the house looking like an outdated 1970's renovation.

Bill you had written to me: "please be prepared to present to us in the hearing the basis for the HDC to no longer view this structure as a contributing asset to the historic fabric of the town". I am hopeful that the attached photographs provide new information that was previously unavailable to everyone on the committee.

I very clearly understand the rationale for trying to keep as much of the fabric of our town as possible. My preference in undertaking the projects in town, is to always, go down the path of restoring the houses. Selfishly, the reason to do so, is that I love the challenge of making the houses relevant in the 21st Century. We were able to accomplish this very successfully at:

158 Hillspoint Road:

https://westportnow.com/honoring_the_historic_barn_that_spawned_a_home1/

34 Jennie Lane: <https://www.thehour.com/realestate/article/A-1950s-ranch-in-Westport-gets-updated-12181255.php>

8 Dogwood Lane: <https://06880danwoog.com/tag/susan-malloy/>

+ Other properties as well.

I am hopeful that the attached photographs will help us in our discussion on Tuesday evening.

With much thanks for your attention to this matter and everything that you do for the town.

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