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To the ZBA,

I live near 233 Hillspoint. Its other neighbors and I have spent years puzzling over a large, ugly, abandoned structure on that lot—first, Positano's remains and now this. You have to actually see this huge controversial building every day to understand why the community feels so alienated and mystified by all that's gone on (and hasn't gone on) there. What we see is a chaotic situation both in terms of permission, process, and outcome. Add to that the added pain at this difficult time of being excluded, if Zoom meetings are not your thing, from this troubled and troubling project as it goes forward, and you have a truly anxious neighborhood.

I'm aware that the applicant is now seeking what was authorized two years ago. But since so much of the structure is unauthorized (the ZBA has historically not been keen on a single, minor infraction let alone the entire festival of them here) the least it can do now to reassure the community that it is being fair, considerate, and inclusive. It can require, as it has for so many others, a new, clean application. This means new plans from the applicant, notices for neighbors, and an attempt to truly turn something that has gone awry into a positive event: A new house with no coverings-up of the messy remains of the old one.

Even if a do-over requires different coverage, so be it. We would all feel the ZBA isn't merely piecing together a botched job because it's such a mess to handle, but is, rather, starting from scratch in an inclusive, fair, positive and honorable way.

Cordially,

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