

Members of the Board: We are appearing before you a second time this evening seeking approval for safer vehicle access to/from our home at 87 Piermont Ave. Kier Levesque, representing us here, is available to answer any questions. We are providing additional visual evidence and clarification as requested at the September meeting. We believe this request is reasonable and fully code compliant.

As you know, code required us to provide off-street parking for the new home we built in 2023-24. Never having lived here before we did not know at the time that pulling out of our driveway onto a busy, two-way street with parked cars blocking views both left and right is harrowing. Backing out, which is necessary if upon entry we have driven in headfirst, is even more treacherous. It's a small miracle no accidents have resulted so far.

Since there is not room to fully turn a parked car around in our driveway due to the very large Sycamore tree that we preserved, the request we have made is to open a second curb cut (exactly where such a cut existed for decades before we built) allowing us to pull into that drive headfirst, traverse the semi-circular driveway around the tree and exit onto the street facing out. (Twin driveway entrance/exits is a condition that exists elsewhere in town, including a few times quite nearby on our street.) Though this addition will not change the visibility condition looking North where there will still often be a line of parked cars in front of the American Legion Hall next door, it does eliminate one street-parked car looking South (directly in front of our property), greatly improving visibility as we pull out of our drive which will be especially helpful on weekends when literally hundreds of bikes pass by at speed heading North into town, and more critically, it will allow us always to pull out onto Piermont Ave HEADFIRST.

I think those who serve on this board are personally and professionally familiar with street and traffic conditions here. The Building Inspector and Village Planner certainly must be. We understand normal anxiety about eliminating one on-street parking space, but remind you that the residents on this residential street are all required by code to provide off street parking - we are NOT required by code to preserve or provide on-street parking and we don't believe this Board is required to do so either, despite the usefulness of public parking. Safety should be the priority. We hope you will find the narrative and accompanying photo and video illustrations compelling.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul & De Gray