

Dear Mr. Dewar,

Thanks for your e-mail. My understanding is that this application, when made, will go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which is an independent, quasi-judicial body. Under our ordinances, appeals of decisions made by the Zoning Board of Adjustment can go to the Council (and I vote if there's a tie). Because of this feature of our ordinance and the need to be impartial, I don't meet with parties involved in applications before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Moreover, the reality is that I have absolutely no control or influence over the Zoning Board of Adjustment (beyond my appointment power).

Finally, I am confident that the Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct its hearings in a manner that allows all to be heard, and will give everyone's position full and thorough consideration.

Thank you,
Bruce

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From: Dewar, Graeme
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 8:14 AM
To: Bruce Harris
Subject: Meeting

Dear Mayor Harris:

As you know, Stanley Congregational Church has advised neighbors that it is planning on filing an application for a zoning variance to build 12 condominium units at a site on Fairmount Avenue where its pre-school building and parking lot presently sit, and that those plans are opposed by a group of more than 140 Chatham Borough residents, known as Preserve Fairmount Ave.

On behalf of Preserve Fairmount Avenue, we would be most appreciative if you might have a few minutes in the next week or so to meet with a small number of our group to discuss the situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Graeme Dewar
Preserve Fairmount Avenue