

To: Nantucket Historic District Commission &
Historic Structures Advisory Board
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From: Edward Gilbreth and The Gilbreth Family
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Date: April 4, 2022

Re: 34B Walsh Street Application for addition & renovation

To Whom it May Concern:

Please include us among those expressing concern regarding the above project, a massive undertaking on a small shell-covered offshoot from Walsh Street, an area we moved to about 13 years ago (from another part of the island) and which had the feeling even then of being essentially “built out,” though still retaining a certain charm.

The scope of the project is completely out of character with our little neighborhood and incongruous with the overall admirable and positive direction Nantucket has taken with preservation and maintaining ambiance in the face of huge development pressures over the years.

The drawings are shocking. Once completed, an even more tragic scenario would be for the house to be flipped. Most in the vicinity are “long-timers” who won’t be going anywhere anytime soon. One can’t help but wonder if the same will be said of the current owners.

We sincerely hope a scaled back or modified version of the project will be recommended instead that is more fitting and appropriate.

I’m sure we all want to be good neighbors and not NIMBYs and would be willing to support reasonable modifications. The proposal, as it now stands, does not pass that test.

Sincerely,
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