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To: Members of the ARBA

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The current application for Special Permit Docket #3602 for the 50- room hotel and restaurant at 1207-1211 at 1207-1211 Mass. Ave. reveals some glaring problems in following the Select Board's vote to work toward climate resiliency.

THE FRONT AND SIDE

1. The developer proposes that the entire pervious brick surface in front of the hotel should count for more than 50% of the more than 2000 sf required landscaped open space. Brick surface should never count as landscaped open space.
2. The current hotel and restaurant application endangers the two large street trees by paving over a large portion of the tree strip (publicly held land) in very close proximity to the root system.
3. The 18 inch Boxwood planter along the side and front are far too small to have any appreciative effect on the carbon emissions, other pollutants, storm water runoff, heat islands, etc.

THE BACK

1. The developer does not include in his plans his intention to remove a very large tree in the SE corner which is in the protected area. The large tree would absorb some of the carbon emissions and pollutants. which will otherwise drift into the neighborhood.
2. The plants proposed for the back are too small to mitigate the carbon emissions from the cars, trucks and buses.