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Dear Redevelopment Board Members,

Thank you very much for your service. I'm writing to inquire about the recent move back to only in-person meetings.

I understand that the State Legislature requirements per Open Meeting Laws--unless the Law has recently been updated--may require you, like the Select Board, to meet in-person. But the Select Board is using technology that allows the public to participate via Zoom or by watching ACMI.

I am very much interested in your meeting discussion and deliberations, but I still am not comfortable given the constant resurgence of Covid of attending most events in-person. I have discovered your meetings posted on YouTube, but often there is a several day lag on the video of the meeting being posted; the audio has quite a bit of background static, making it very difficult to hear; and it is often very hard to see the visual displays.

I encourage the Redevelopment Board to find a way to make its meetings more accessible to the public. As a Town Meeting Member, I very much want to continue to be informed about the significant Town issues that fall under your purview. I am committed to spending my personal time and energies to ensure that, but I am not willing to risk my and my family's health to do so.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering this email.

Please include this with your Board's received correspondence.

Sincerely,  
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