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To: Christian Klein <cklein@town.arlington.ma.us>
Subject: RE: ZBA - Residential Design Guidelines

Hi Christian,

After reviewing the [Residential Design Guidelines](#) and the applications on the agenda for tonight's ZBA meeting, I think the ZBA members may want to encourage the applicant for 39 Amherst St to simplify the combination of different window styles, particularly on the side facing Rawson Rd (see principle C-1; pg 37). Consistent window proportions, composition, and distribution help create a cohesive design. Each side of the proposed addition should visually relate to the others (as well as the spacing and detailing of the original house's windows and bays). For example, it may be more appropriate to use multi-pane vs. single-pane windows. Overall, the guidelines discourage "inside-out design" which can result in an attractive interior but an unfocused and distracting exterior composition (see principle B-2; pg 30).

The guidelines for additions on corner lots are not very detailed (see principle A-4; pg 24). Perhaps that's something we might want to address in a future update.

Feel free to forward this to the ZBA or call me if you want to discuss.

Thanks,
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