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Mr. Barrett:

I do not wish to either oppose or affirm this zoning request, but I also cannot take a neutral position without further information. My questions/ thoughts on this request principally have to do with the height of this new structure. If the side facing Jones Drive, which formerly was the low side of a shed roof, perhaps 8 feet tall, will now be allowed to extend upwards to as much as 21 feet, this will involve a major change to our neighborhood in the front setback that is not present on any other property on the street. Not only would the street be looking at an extensive blank wall, but also it would mean that the property to the east of 1570 and 1574 Jones Drive would be looking at a huge blank wall as well, with views of neighboring trees to the west cut off from view and views down the street. (I believe four trees have already been taken down on the requesting property.) There is also the question as to whether such a mass would affect the acoustics of this part of Jones Drive. Would the traffic noise from Plymouth Road be more easily locally channeled and stopped because of the height of this structure, affecting the noise level at other properties?

Why does this new build have to be so high? I do see that John is trying to marry this build to the current style of his house. Because of the new requested height of the build, will it also approximate or nearly approximate the height of the house?

Thanks for your and the board's thinking on these issues.