

Dear Commission,

I do not agree with granting a special permit to allow the Hob Knob in to expand in a predominately residential area. Especially in a historic district, an exception to grant a special permit to almost double the inn's commercial activities/size would be contrary to the purpose for the historic district designation. If the Hob Knob really needs to expand it should consider selling the Inn so it can once again become a private residence and purchase another property outside the historic district in order to accomplish its desire to increase the number of guest rooms it offers to the public. Expansion of the Inn in this area is completely contrary to what was the intent of our town planner's envisioned for the long term preservation of the designated historic area. Please vote against this project and protect and maintain this valuable area. Increased commercial use in this area will diminish the historical value of all the other properties within the historic district. Good stewardship necessitates a no vote across the line.

Thanks for your consideration.

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