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Concord, June 15, 2022

Dear Members of the HDC,

It is with great surprise that you all are still dealing with an application to build on the lot at 615 Lowell Road by an applicant who refuses to accept several previous denials by your Commission and now again presses for an approval of a house design very similar in size, and scope, plus garage, as previously presented.

Some history of Hildreth's corner may shed some light on the care previous owners took to the land which surrounded their property at the corner of 625 Lowell Road.

This corner property at was owned for many years by the Kidder family. In the 1950's they decided to build another house for themselves on their land.

This house was built next door on 597 Lowell Road. It became to be known as the Kidder-2 house, which is our present home and is the next visible house on Lowell Road before the corner at number 625.

The Kidder family took great care to preserve the scenic corner and build their new house not only with sufficient distance to their corner house, but also took care of the sightlines and used and appropriate set back from the road of >120 feet, and a low roof line, so as not to obstruct the views of the Hildreth's corner properties.

This was all done with an eye to preserve the integrity of Hildreth's corner as a historically significant part of Concord.

It would be a mayor mistake to undo the vision and what was implemented by the previous owners by allowing a too large structure, with minimum setback from the road, to be build and visibly "sandwiched" between 625 and 597 Lowell Road.

We hope that once and for all the matter of building on the lot 615 Lowell Road, as presented to you, will be denied and at least a large part of the historic Hildreth's significance can be preserved for many generations to come by allowing a much smaller sized home with an appropriately sized setback from Lowell Road.

With thanks and appreciation for your dedication and time,  
Respectfully Yours,

Wilhelmina and Paul van der Wansem.  
597 Lowell Road.  
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