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Dear Historic Districts Commission:

I am writing to convey my deep disappointment with the current application by Mr. Mike Bushnell/Bushnell Construction for 615 Lowell Road. It appears that Mr. Bushnell has not integrated and synthesized the many points laid out by the HDC in its prior reviews and its subsequent denials. Rather, the current application proposes an even larger structure of ~3900SF including a two-car garage. The current application is incomplete and is lacking in key areas such as; full height and elevation plans, the overlay of proposed construction and the potential impacts on abutters' property lines and landscaping, as well as many other important details.

It is unfortunate that the original home proposed has morphed into a much larger structure with a two car garage. The June application proposed a 3500SF structure with a one-car garage was denied. I have additional concerns about how a structure, approaching 4000SF, will also contribute to the density of that particular stretch of Lowell Road and its impact on the streetscape and perspective from not only Lowell Road but Barrett's Mill Road. Clearly, a much smaller home would be more appropriate for this parcel.

As a resident of Barrett's Mill Road and an owner of an antique home, I believe that Mr. Bushnell's current application does not respect the unique character and importance of Hildreth Corner in the Barrett's Farm District. The approach to building a home at such a historic corner, one which is rooted in American History, with Barrett's Farm to the West and the North Bridge to the East, must be guided by careful consideration and the recommendations and feedback provided by the HDC. Hildreth Corner's importance is not just notable in Concord, but its heritage is highlighted nationally so careful attention is tantamount. The newest application does not reach that goal.

On a final note, the HDC guidelines and specifications that have been clarified by the commission have been followed in good faith by residents in Concord's Historic Districts for many decades. The applicant should also be held to the same expectations and standards, despite their status as developer. I hope that a more comprehensive application could be put forth, one which would reinforce the standards set forth by the HDC and elevate the beauty and significance of Hildreth Corner and the Barrett's Farm District, not detract from it.

I respectfully request the HDC deny the current application.

Thank you to the commission and staff for their time, energy and efforts in upholding the guidelines of the Historic Districts Commission.

Sincerely,

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