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Board of Selectmen
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January 8, 2007

Dear Board Members,

The Acton Historical Society is very concerned the impact to the Hosmer House by Project Bravo – 288 Main Street, Site Plan Special Permit 7/11/06-409. The proposed project's demolition and construction activities will incur damage if ledge requires blasting or significant other methods to break this rock structure.

In the previous Board of Selectmen meeting on December 11, 2006, Peter Coakley, a member of our board, did inquire if it was determined if ledge was a factor in this project. The plan's engineer assured this was not a concern. We have recently read about the Town's engineer's concern on the existence of ledge for this project. The Historical Society is adamant that the Town prohibit any blasting or other efforts to destroy/remove the ledge until safeguards are in place to protect the Hosmer House and Jenks library and the irreplaceable contents contained within. This historic landmark, which is listed in both the National and State Registers of Historic places is easily susceptible to significant shaking damage due to it's age and construction methods of the these early Acton days did not account for modern explosives.

The Board was not legally notified of the first public hearing of this special permit. Since the property is within three hundred of the property line, the board wishes to be notified of any further requests.

Sincerely,

William Alanen, President
Board of Directors
Acton Historical Society

CC: Garry Rhodes → 1/9/07

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